

Back online!

We are pleased to be able to tell you that all our communications are back online, having been unavailable for several weeks due to "technical difficulties".

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Our phone lines, WiFi, tapping machines, and Church Services TV are all up and running again. So if you wish to contact the parish office to make inquiries, book Masses etc. please feel free to phone us at

061 414624



Or email us at: admin@stjohnscathedrallimerick.com

Priests of the Parish
Canon Gerard Garrett
Fr Daniel Tomasik
Fr Peter Claver Emeke Eze
In residence Canon John Daly

Cathedral Shop
Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.
Sympathy Mass cards,
Occasional cards,
candles and other religious
goods for sale.

Mass Times
Mon-Fri 10am, 5.45pm
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Confessions
Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms
Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Deceased
We remember in our prayers
Margaret Lonergan RIP
Paul Gavin RIP
Ann Mason RIP
Ann Caulfield RIP

May they rest in eternal
peace.

Split the Pot Draw
Congratulations to
Patrick Cantillon
winner of last weekends draw.
Draw envelopes available at
the back of the church.

Scan QR code to donate



Reflection

Jesus exclaimed, I bless you Father, Lord of heaven and of earth for hiding these things from the learned and the clever. What things is Jesus talking about? We have to read on; in fact we have to skip ahead two chapters in Matthew's Gospel to discover that he is talking about what he calls "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven". And what are they? Very simply, they are the truths that Jesus is the Messiah, the Saviour, the Son of God and that in coming to him we find rest for our souls, we find salvation.

Now who are the learned and the clever from whom these truths have been hidden. Here Jesus is referring to the arrogant and unteachable Scribes and the Pharisees, the learned religious leaders who were well schooled in the Torah, the Scriptures, and the traditions of their faith. They were the ones who refused to believe in him, who resisted him and attempted to thwart him at every turn. They refused to believe in spite of his teaching and even in the face of the miracles he performed. They even went so far as to suggest that his miraculous powers came from the devil. Their rejection of him was total and ultimately led to his death.

It is important to note that God didn't set out to hide the truth from the learned religious leaders. This expression in scripture is simply a literary device whereby the outcome is made the purpose. In other words, it is as though God had willed their failure to see, as though God had blinded them.

Then Jesus went on to bless his Father for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. The mere children were the disciples who accepted his teaching and believed. They were the fishermen, the unsophisticated, the unschooled but in fact the wiser ones with open hearts who chose well.

Finally he invited his followers to shoulder his yoke. Here he distinguishes between the very burdensome yoke of the Law and the additional Pharisaic observances, and the restful yoke of following the gentle, humble Jesus.

We are invited to plant ourselves firmly in the camp of the "mere children" by accepting and following Jesus and by taking on ourselves not so much a yoke but the mantle of following his gentle, humble example.

LIMERICK WILD GEESE FESTIVAL
JULY 9-12

You are cordially invited to the Ceremony for the official unveiling of the Restored Sarsfield Statue & Enclosure
11th July 2026
11am
Cathedral Place, Limerick.

We will commence with the celebration of Holy Mass at 10am in St John's Cathedral.

Mass will be offered for deceased members of the defence forces.

The military Personnel will attend in dress uniform.

After the unveiling of the Restored Statue. There will be music by Curraghgow Singers.

Also two local musicians Brian Costello and Peter O'Connell. Tea, coffee refreshments will be served afterwards in The Moose lounge.



Support Concern's Venezuela Earthquake appeal
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Peter Pence collection will be taking up at all masses next weekend.
Thank you for your support.