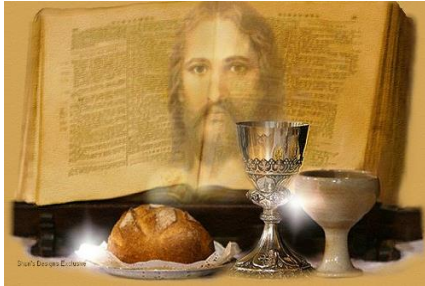




Sunday 1st August 2021

Parish Newsletter



Reflection: The Eucharist is more than simply opening our hands and mouths to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist invites and challenges us to open our hearts and daily lives to the life and love of Jesus in a very intimate and personal way. Through sharing in the Eucharist with other people, Jesus enters into a deep and everlasting relationship with us. Truly, Jesus is the Bread from heaven who has come from heaven and who gives life to the world. Those who believe that Jesus is the Bread of Life will never be hungry or thirsty. There is no advertisement on the television that can make that claim!

+++++

Snip of Parish History - St John's Cathedral Part 2 Setting the scene

Bishop John Fleming in his excellent book outlines a history of dedication to St John the Baptist in the area going back many centuries to the emergence of organised Christianity from the early days of the 11th century and the first recorded Bishop, Gilbert, since St Munchin in the year 491. Indeed, there is an argument that the name of Garryowen, or Eoin's Garden, was actually a reference to the Knights Templar who gave their name to, amongst other places, Hospital in Co Limerick.

To understand fully how the Cathedral of the Diocese came to be built in St John's we do need to place ourselves back in the Ireland of the mid-1800's.

Without delving too much into history, Catholicism in Ireland had been repressed pretty much since the reformation. Nearly all the wars fought across the continent in those years were religious. Indeed, much of the history of Limerick of that time and especially around the sieges of Limerick were Catholicism against Protestantism.

All of that changed after Catholic Emancipation and the work of Daniel O'Connell in the late 1820s and 1830s. The Catholic Church in Ireland underwent a re-emergence and in that time many of the churches that we now see across the country were constructed.

The old saying of "Cometh the hour, cometh the man" applies in the Limerick Diocese, and in the late 1820's a young vibrant Bishop, Dr John Ryan was appointed and his tenure as bishop was to revolutionise the diocese. Ironically his episcopal ordination took place in the old St John's Chapel which stood approximately on the site of the current Presbytery in 1825, a church which ultimately he saw the demolition of in favour of the construction of the Cathedral. The foundation stone of St John's was laid on the first of May 1856 at a time when Limerick and Ireland were just emerging from the horrors of the great famine.

George Lee drombanna@gmail.com



+++++



Monday to Friday 10am & 5.45pm, Saturday 10am & 6pm (vigil),
Sunday 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon & 7pm

No evening mass on Monday 2nd August – Bank Holiday Monday

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions each Saturday at 10.30am

Baptisms can be booked through the Parish Office at 061 414624 or email admin@stjohnscathedralallimerick.com

+++++

In this time of pandemic, the Tokyo Olympics are a sign of hope, a sign of universal brotherhood marked by a Healthy competitive spirit. **Pope Francis**



It's important to get your 2nd dose of AstraZeneca, no matter what age you are. You'll get your 2nd dose 8 to 12 weeks after your 1st. COVID-19 vaccine. [HSE Vaccine Reg](#) or telephone 1850 24 1850. The latest group who can register online to get a COVID-19 vaccine are people aged 16 and 17. If you are 18 or older, you can still register..

CHURCH NEWS

We must still adhere to all HSE & Government guidelines with regards COVID-19 by sanitising our hands on entering & exiting the Cathedral. Thank you for your co-operation.

Church Gift Shop

Gift Shop is open Monday - Saturday from 10.30am to 1.30pm. The shop stocks a range of religious items and gifts for special occasions and a full selection of Mass Cards.



St Anthony's Novena each Tuesday at the 10am & 5.45pm Mass with a special blessing of the relic.

Split the Pot Congratulations to **Ann Breen** the winner of last weekend's draw (Sun 25th July). "Split the Pot" fund goes towards the upkeep of the Cathedral. Draw entry is €2, Envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral and can be placed into the black box at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you for your support.



Day Care Centre - Pennywell Day Care Centre is closed for the next two weeks - summer recess.



Water safety authorities appeal to swimmers and anyone planning on entering the water over the coming holiday weekend to check the weather and sea conditions at the time and to "never underestimate the sea".



HEALTH & FITNESS LEVEL 3 ACCREDITED COURSE



Includes:

- Cookery Classes with Qualified Chef
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Fitness and Healthy Lifestyle

Is this for me?:

- It's for anyone interested in cooking, nutrition and basic fitness.
- This is a level QQI Course so there is some paperwork.
- For people looking to progress to work or further education.
- Friendly, Fun Atmosphere.

COST:

- €3 per week contribution to cover costs
- Cost of fresh food that you cook and eat/take home

**TUESDAYS 1.00-3.00 WEEKLY FROM
14TH SEPTEMBER UNTIL JUNE 2022**

Garryowen CDP, 23 John's Street
Contact: John Buttery on 0879888326 or
john@garryowencdp.com

Cathedral House, Cathedral Place, Limerick. Tel: 061-414624
email: admin@stjohnscathedrallimerick.cm / web www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com