



Sunday 7th February 2021

Parish Newsletter



Sunday Reflection:

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus says, *'You are the light of the world.'* What can he mean by these words? Through our baptism we all share in the mission and ministry of Jesus. Today we are his disciples. Today in our families, our schools and our communities, we are the ones who are called to stand up, speak out and shine as followers of Jesus. We are called and invited not to hide our light, to hide in the shadows or be embarrassed that we are followers of Jesus. When we see the news on our televisions or read about it in our newspapers, we may feel powerless or even hopeless. But we are called to people of light. We live in a time when there seems to be an atmosphere fear and doubt spreading around our world. But we are asked by Jesus to let the light of our faith and hope shine even more brightly than ever.

Rev. Fr Leslie McNamara



Fr Leslie McNamara died on Friday afternoon. RIP. In exemplary fashion, Fr Leslie faced death with the great faith that was the hallmark of his life, praying, reading and meditating right until recent days. Fr Leslie was ordained in 1967 and spent the first 38 years of his priesthood in St Munchin's College where he was a gifted teacher. Fr Leslie did not just teach subjects; he was always conscious that he was teaching students. He showed excellent administrative skills when he became the President of the College. On stepping down as President, Fr Leslie took on a new pastoral challenge, travelling to China, bringing his teaching skills and missionary zeal to a new endeavour. On return to Limerick after almost a decade in China, he was appointed to St John's Parish, it was here amongst us that Fr Leslie continued to share and live the Christian message of faith, hope and love. His love of God, his love of the scriptures and his love of the people of this parish shone through everything he said and did. For several years he also served as Director of Vocations for the Diocese. We can be grateful for his gentle but very committed service as a priest, even when somewhat weakened by illness in recent years. We offer our condolences to his brothers and sister. May he share in the joy and peace of the Kingdom of God.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Lent 2021

Lent Starts Wednesday 17th February and ends on Saturday 3rd April 2021

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

See our Website www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com for further details on our exciting fundraising initiative

ALONE

Supporting older people during COVID-19. Telephone 0818 222 024



We will continue to celebrate Mass behind closed doors (no congregation).

Monday - Friday 10am & 5.45pm, Saturday 10am, (Vigil Mass) 6pm, Sunday 10.30am, 12 noon & 7pm.

Please join us through our webcam. www.limerickcathedral.com

The Cathedral will be open for **private prayer** Monday to Saturday from 11am to 1.30pm.

Anniversary Masses can be arranged by calling Kieran (Parish Sacristan) at 061 414624.

All Baptisms are postponed until further notice.

ONLINE DONATIONS

If you wish to donate. You may through our Donation Page on our website www.limerickcathedral.com
The priests of the parish are most grateful for your continued support.

Sympathies

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the recently deceased in the Parish.

Split the Pot

Congratulations to Leanne McMahon the winner of last weekend's draw (Sunday 31st January.) Draw envelopes can be dropped into Kieran on Saturdays at the church sacristy.

