Parish Newsletter Sunday 3rd December 2023

Reflection:



First Sunday of Advent The word 'Advent' means arrival or presence. We use the word to express Jesus first coming and pray for his second. God's presence is visible, real and tangible, first as the baby in the manger then in our hears and finally in his return as King.

Get ready, prepare and still your heart; the Lord is coming, he is on his way.

Notices

Advent Stations will take place here in the Cathedral each Wednesday at 6.15pm during Advent.. Starting Wednesday 6th December, Wednesday 13th December and concluding Wednesday 20th December.

Reconciliation Service

In Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy will take place Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm.



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Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign

With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our

Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

Grow - for anyone experiencing mental health issues through group peer support with recovery through community.



Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett Fr Frank O'Connor Fr Leo McDonnell Canon John Daly

> Parish Office 061 414624

Mass Times

Mon-Fri 10am, 5.45pm Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon St Anthony's Novena Tuesday 10am & 5.45pm with a blessing of the relic after.

Holy Days Vigil Weekdays 5.45pm Weekdays 10am, 5.45pm

> **Confessions** Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms Saturday 4.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration Takes place each Friday 4.30pm to 5.30pm. All are welcome.

> Cathedral Shop Open Mon - Sat



Congratulations to Drew McMahon Winner of last weekends draw 26/11.

Formation Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Adult Formation Course Level 1A, 1B & ZA



Level 1A: Feb 12-17, 2024 Level 1B: Oct 28-Nov 2, 2024

Level ZA: June 28th- July 3, 2024

ABOUT THE METHOD The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to Christian catechesis for children aged 3-12 years which enables them to experience and form an authentic relationship with God. The Catechesis is rooted in Scripture and the Liturgy of the Church and is inspired by Maria Montessori's principles of education.







INFORMATION FOR LEVEL 1A, FEB 12-17TH, 2024 COURSE Location: St. Saviours' Dominican Church, Limerick (Access only by stairs-no lift)

Time: 9am-5pm daily Cost: Early BIrd Special: 200 Euros if registered by Dec 10th. 250 Euros (materials and snacks). Lunch not included Bring a lunch. Formation Leader: Sr. Theresa Anne Knuth, O.P. & Kasia Wita, Assistant Contact: Sr Mary Emily, O.P. at limerick@op-tn.org for more details and to register

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME" (MT 19:14)

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at <u>www.birthinfo.ie</u> or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500.



Recently Baptised:

We welcome to the Christian Community Georgia Benson

We wish Georgia and herr family every blessing.

Recently Deceased:

We offer our sympathies to the family and loved ones of Olive McMahon RIP May her gentle soul rest in eternal peace.