

Sunday 8th December 2019

Parish Newsletter



Advent Week 2

Your kingdom is at hand, O God of justice and peace; you made John the Baptist its herald to announce the coming of your Christ, who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Give us a spirit of repentance to make us worthy of the kingdom. Let complacency yield to conviction, that in our day justice will flourish and conflict give way to the peace you bestow in Christ. We ask this through him who's coming is certain, whose day draws near. Each Friday in Advent at 5.15pm there will be a short Advent prayer service, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers

The Blessing of expectant mothers will take place on Monday evening 9th December after the 5.45pm Mass.

This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday 9th December. Masses on Monday are 10am and 5.45pm.



Eucharist Ministers Meeting

There will be a meeting of Eucharist Ministers on Friday 13th December at 7pm in the Parish Centre. The meeting will be followed by an Advent Reflection for the Eucharist Ministers.



The Giving Tree- Be a Secret Santa with the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Society of St Vincent de Paul provides help to thousands of families at Christmas, which include gift vouchers, toys for small children, gifts for young people as well as gifts for older adults. Choose a tag from the tree and bring back an unwrapped gift to the Cathedral, these gifts will be delivered to SVP and then they will be distributed by a network of local SVP volunteers. This will be our second year here at St Johns Cathedral supporting SVP with many of you giving generously to such a worthy cause. This years Giving Tree will be in place from Monday 2nd December until Sunday 15th December. Contact Kieran in St Johns Cathedral for more information.

Scripture Sharing

Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Presbytery. This is an open invitation, Come and see. The Gospel for the coming Sunday is read as we

actively listen for words or phrases that resonate with us. After a time of reflection, we listen to what each has to share. We then deepen our listening with a teaching on the passage to deepen our reflection and open up further sharing followed by prayer.

Collection for the Care of Sick and Retired Priests

Thanks to all who supported the collection last weekend.

Diocesan Needs Collection

The Diocesan needs collection will take place this weekend.



The winner of the last draw is

Zoe Averell

Christmas Mass Times & Confessions

Sunday 22nd December

Mass times as Normal

Confessions at 8.30am — 9am 10.45am—11 45am
6pm – 7pm

Monday 23rd December

Mass times as Normal

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Morning Mass 10am

Children 's Mass 4pm

Carols begin at 6.30pm, Christmas Vigil Mass 7pm

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Mass 8am, 10.30am (Youth Choir) 12 noon (Senior Choir)

No Evening Mass

Thursday 26th - Friday 27th December

Mass 10am. No Evening Mass

Saturday 28th December

Mass 10am ,Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 29th December

Mass 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon & 7pm

Monday 30th December - Wednesday 1st January

Mass 10am. No Evening Mass

Thursday 2nd January

Mass times resume as normal

Novena to St. Anthony

Every Tuesday at the 10am and 5.45pm Mass.

Sympathies

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of John Crofton Rip.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th	6pm Eddie McManus (1st Av), Nuala O'Loughlin, Jack Meagher, Billy & Margaret Reeves, Gerry Kiley, Paddy Ryan & Rose Clancy, Ger O'Shea - Birth Rem, Mary Hegarty, Joe Kelly.
Sunday 8th	8am Christy Griffin. 10.30am Mary Ryan nee Troy, Margaret McMahon (1st Av), Mary & Christopher Downes, Nancy McInerney. 12noon Peggy Reeves, Jack Fitzgerald, Patrick & Christy Lillis, Eva & Jimmy Connery, Alphonsus Heffernan, Patrick & Mary Hickey, Mary & Sonny Sheehan. 7pm John & Dominic McNamara, Jeffrey Scanlan, Matty & John Waters.
Monday 9th	10am Holy Souls. 5.45pm Kitty Ryan.
Tuesday 10th	10am Noreen Buckley. 5.45pm Lorna Kiely, Esther & Gerard McNamara.
Wednesday 11th	5.45pm Tom Brosnan, Arthur Gough.
Thursday 12th	5.45pm Patrick Hannon.
Friday 13th	10am Frances Fleming McNamara - Birth Rem. 5.45pm Nancy O'Flynn, Baby Aaron Hogan
Saturday 14th	10am Philomena & Son Patrick Collopy. 6pm Mary Kenihan, Bernard & Baby Zack McCarthy, Dawn Casey, John & Breda McCarthy, Thomas Moore.
Sunday 15th	8am Ursula & John Noonan. 10.30am James O'Flynn, Eileen Loughran, Anna & Husband Don Rose. 12 noon Griffin Family, William Doyle, Eamon O'Flynn. 7pm Mary & Jim Walsh, Gerry McKeon, John Fahy, Maura Casey, Joseph Reddan.



**'Strengthening & caring
for our community'**

Seniors' Coffee & Information Morning

Monday 9th December 11.00 a.m.

23 John's Street, Limerick

*Join us for Coffee and a Mince Pie and
Learn About services for you in your
area, including:*

- **Seniors Alert Scheme**
- **Care and Repair**
- **In Case of Emergency (ICE) Cards**

Any queries call John on 310690

Baptisms in the Cathedral

We extend our congratulations to the family and friends of Baby Mason Keane on his recent baptism in the Cathedral.