

Parish Newsletter

Priests of the Parish

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

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

Confessions Saturday's at 10.30am

Baptisms Saturday at 4.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Cathedral Fri from 4.30pm to 5.45pm.

Cathedral Shop

Is open Mon to Sat 10.30am to 1pm. The shop stocks a wide range of cards, candles and other religious goods. 2nd Feb—Presentation of the Lord Candles are available to buy from the shop.

Split the Pot

Congratulations to Siobhan Lysaght winner Of last weekends draw (15/1).

We offer our sympathies to the families and loved ones of the recently deceased.

May their gentle soul 's rest in eternal peace.

> Jim Reeves RIP Marie Kerley O'Connor RIP Nancy McElligott RIP

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Liturgy Corner

This weekend the Liturgy Corner answers the first question sent in by one of our parishioners.

"When does Christmas start and end?" The Season of Christmas seems to start earlier each year. No sooner have we put away the sunscreen, when shops begin to display Christmas goodies. However, for church, the liturgical Christmas season begins with the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and for most people ends 12 days later on January 6th, with the Feast of the Epiphany. However, the Christmas season continues until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which is followed by the first week of Ordinary Time. This weekend marks the third week of Ordinary Time. In some places the feast of Presentation of the Lord is traditionally considered the end of the Christmas season as it marks the final act of the events around the birth of Jesus, when his parents brought him to the Temple 40 days after his birth. The church celebrates this feast on February 2nd each year. In Luke's account of the presentation (Luke 2:22-35), Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the Anna. Simeon prays with great joy, his prayer is still said each night by those who say the Divine Office.

Canticle of Simeon

"Al last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you promised to all the nation, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people."

Parish Notes :

Parish Clerk Collection

Takes place this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be handed in at the offertory collection or dropped into the sacristy. We greatly appreciate your support.

Praying for the Protection of the Unborn at St Michael's Church

Next Thursday 26th January there will be a Prayers Service followed by Mass for the Protection of the Unborn at St Michael's Church, Denmark Street . Starting with the Rosary at 7pm and followed by Mass. The collection taken up during Mass is for the restoration fund for the Tower Statue of St Michael the Archangel.

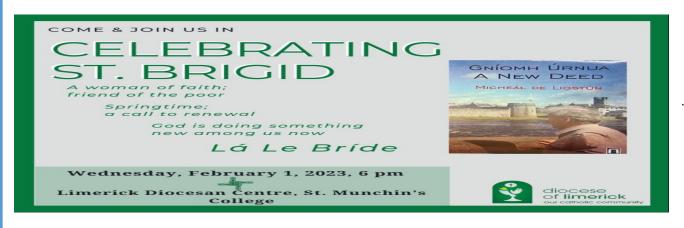
Recent Baptisms

Welcome to the Christian Community to the following children who were baptised last Saturday.

Hannah May O'Leary & Paddy Cahill



Canon Micheál De Liostún warmly invites you to Celebrating St. Brigid (poster below) on Wednesday, 1st February 2023 at 6.00 pm in the Diocesan Centre. Copies of his book *A New Deed* will be available for purchase on the night. A donation of €10 for one book and €50 for six books all moneys will go directly to Trocaire.



Come follow me is a catechetical program for children aged 7 to 11 developed in France by Notre Dame de Vie Institute. The Catechetical program "Come, follow me" is used for the catechesis of children in parishes and schools. The essential methodology of Come follow me is a dialogue with the Word of God proclaimed by the catechist in the name of the Church and under the breath of the Holy Spirit. As the children hear and respond to the Word of God, they journey together towards holiness, throughout these fundamental years of their lives.

A training for catechists will take place in Limerick city 3-5 Feb, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. All are welcome and no previous formation is required.

Spaces are limited. Registration closes on Jan 27th. Please contact <u>limerick@op-tn.org</u> for more information or to register.



Divine Mercy Conference Saturday 18th February, RDS Dublin

<u>Bus Leaves</u>: Temple Gate (Ennis) **07.00am**, Finnegan's- <u>Castletroy (Limerick) 07.40am</u>, Kickham Street (Nenagh) **08.10am**.

<u>Itinerary</u>: Morning Prayer **10am**, International Divine Mercy & Catholic Speakers, Holy Mass after lunch,

Devotional Stalls, Catering facilities, Eucharistic Adoration, Great

Networking & Faith Forming Opportunity.

Bus Returns: 08.00pm

Fr. Chris Alar & Fr. Jim Blount confirmed and many more.

Cost: €80 for bus & day ticket [Not for profit-cost price only].

Contact: Séamus: 087-2752578 + €40 deposit towards the €80 to secure seat



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