

**Sunday 4th October 2020**

**Parish Newsletter**

### Reflection



This parable is held up to us today so that we can see ourselves in it and learn from it. Through the life, mission, death and resurrection, God offers the chance to reap an endlessly abundant harvest of love, mercy and forgiveness. They are offered to us freely out of love. Like those in the gospel, we have to choose freely whether to accept or decline God's generous offer. We are the tenants today and God has certain expectations of us. God looks to us to

produce the fruits of love, mercy, compassion and the values of the Kingdom of God. The burning question from this parable to us today is simple but challenging; what sort of fruits and harvest are we producing today though our ordinary daily lives as followers of Jesus?

### Mass Schedule

**Church opens Monday – Saturday at 9.30am**

**Monday to Friday 10am and 5.45pm.**

**Saturday 10am and 6pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday 8am, 10.30am, 12noon and 7pm.**

Cathedral will close Mon to Sat at 4pm for cleaning, re-open at 5.30pm.

**Confessions** - after 10am Mass on Saturday. Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be no basket collection during any mass, instead the basket will be at the door as you leave. You may place your contribution and weekly envelopes in it. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Prayer Service

On Wednesday October 7th at 3pm there will be a Prayer Service (Streamed) for the conclusion of the Season of Creation & for Religious Life. This prayer service is not open to the public, but can be viewed on [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com). The Prayer Service will be led by Sr. Betty Baker.

### Season of Creation

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation in the church calendar for 2020. For the past 5 weeks we have been asked to pray with and for creation in our Sunday liturgies and to think about ways in which we can care more deeply for our environment. As the Season comes to a close let us pray that this acts as a springboard from which to move forward. As we reflect today, let us also be mindful that it is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. St. Francis saw God in all of creation and had a deep mystical relationship with all of nature. Let us pray today that we might re-awaken within us that same sense of awe and wonder and strive to protect our world, our common home.



### **Religious Education and Faith Development classes (REFD)** **for children who do not attend Catholic school.**

The Diocese of Limerick provide Religious Education and Faith development classes **for children who do not attend Catholic schools** on a weekly basis from October to May. If you would like your child to begin/continue their preparation for the sacraments, please register by Friday October 9th on the Diocesan website ([www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)), for more information see our website on [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com).

## ***Split the Pot***



Congratulations to John Ryan, winner of last weekend's draw ( Sunday Sept 27th). Draw envelopes can be dropped into Kieran on Saturday at the Sacristy.

## ***St Anthony***

St Anthony's Novena - Novena prayers takes place each Tuesday after the 10am and 5.45pm Mass with a special blessing of the relic.



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



## ***Meals on Wheels***

Pennywell Day Centre is offering a home cooked meal for €3, seven days a week. Meals can be collected or if needed will be delivered within the local area. Orders can be placed with Geraldine on 061 414150 any morning before 10am.

## ***Lighting of Candles***

Due to restrictions in lighting of candles—candles will be placed in the shrine—leave offering as usual and then take timber taper to light your candle—when finished leave taper in used sand box near the shrine.



## ***Mass Online***

Masses can be viewed online through our webcam on [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com) and click on livestream.

Church Leaders are recommending the use of face coverings at all Masses, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing.

## ***Online Donations***

You may make a donation through our website [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com)



## ***Baptisms in the Cathedral***

Baptisms will take place on weekdays, Monday to Friday after the 5.45pm Mass at 6.15pm and on Saturday at 4.30pm. One Baptism will take place each day with a maximum of 20 people allowed to attend. Should you wish to book your Baby's Baptism please contact the parish office on 061 414624 between 9.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

## ***Anniversary Masses***

Anniversary Masses can be arranged by calling Kieran (Parish Sacristan) on 061 414624. These can be attended by the family on the day.

## ***Trócaire***

The theme for the Season of Creation this year was Cultivating Hope. As the Season of Creation comes to an end, we are aware that we are in the midst of an international health crisis. Pope Francis's ground-breaking encyclical Laudato Sí reminds us of our duty to care for Our Common Home and for the people and nature around us. What we do locally can have global effects, the more we keep our locality clean, the cleaner our world will be. To find out more about Trócaire's work, go to [www.trócaire.org](http://www.trócaire.org).