



Sunday 19th April 2020

Parish Newsletter

Mass times from Monday 20th April to Sunday 26th April

Due to the current Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak the Cathedral will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

We have made this decision in the best interest of our parishioners and visitors. We will continue to celebrate Mass behind closed doors (no congregation). Monday - Friday 5.45pm. Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6pm. Sunday 10.30am and 12 noon.

These can be viewed via our webcam. www.limerickcathedral.com

Divine Mercy Sunday 19th April

Fr John Walsh has asked if we might spread the word, personally, by newsletter or by webpage about this year's arrangements for the annual gathering of those who pray the **Divine Mercy** Chaplet. Fr Walsh will be in Mt St Alphonsus (Redemptorists) and the event will be transmitted via the webcam (www.novena.ie). It begins **at 3pm** with devotions including the blessing and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a time for prayer which includes the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a Eucharistic blessing. It concludes with the Holy Mass. Live stream: www.novena.ie

Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the recently deceased here in the Parish and indeed the wider community.

Funerals at a time of Covid-19

As a parish and a diocese, we are so sorry for your loss. To lose the people that we love is always difficult and lonely. Losing the people that we love during this pandemic makes our grief all the harder and more complicated. The normal rituals and support systems of family, neighbours and friends that usually sustain, hold and heal us at times like this are no longer freely available. Due to government restrictions, funerals now either go straight to the graveyard or the Church. Gathering people in confined spaces for vigil prayers or rosaries is not possible. The Government have stipulated that only 10 people can attend the funeral Mass (if a Mass is possible). This is incredibly sad as families and friends must make awful decisions and inevitably dear family and friends end up not being able to attend the funeral Mass of the one they love. Restrictions for families become even more difficult if a family member dies of Covid-19 as family members may be in 'isolation' themselves. With all this sadness in mind there are a few important suggestions that may help you find ways to give expression to your grief and hopefully find healing and comfort at this difficult time.

This information can be viewed here on our website.

The Community Call

For Daily Updates Visit www.gov.ie/communitycall www.hse.ie

We're in this together as part of the Government response to the COVID-19 crisis, your local authority (council) has established a COVID-19 Community Call Forum. Your local forum works with State agencies and community and voluntary groups to provide supports or services to any vulnerable person who needs them.

Your forum brings together different organisations to provide important services like:

- collection and delivery of essential items like food, 'meals-on-wheels', household items, fuel or medicine (in line with guidance)
- support if you are experiencing social isolation or are cocooning
- If you need help, if you know someone who needs help, or if you would like to offer help, please use the numbers or email for your local authority (council) as listed below.

MUNSTER Your Local Authority Helpline Email Address

Clare 1890 252 943 covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

Cork City 1800 222 226 covidsupport@corkcity.ie

Cork County 1800 805 819 covidsupport@corkcoco.ie

Kerry 1800 807 009 covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie

Limerick City and County 1800 832 005 covidsupport@limerick.ie

Tipperary 076 106 5000 covid19@tipperarycoco.ie

Waterford City and County 1800 250 185 covidsupport@waterfordcouncil.ie

COVID-19 COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORT LINE



IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO AN EXPERIENCED **COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELLOR**
DURING THIS TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED STRESS AND PRESSURE ON FAMILY LIFE...

Contact: **01 531 3331**, 9.00 am - 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday

All calls charged at local rate.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, from 8am-8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**

County Clare Covid19 Community Response Helpline

The helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support etc. to those who need it. **Tel: 1890 252943** Email: covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

Split the Pot

Split the pot draw will continue. You can leave your envelope with Kieran on Saturdays at the door at the back of the church. The winner of last weekend's draw (Sunday 12th April) was Carol Cusack. Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Envelopes

If you wish to donate via the weekly envelope system, please continue to do so or if you wish to donate these can be given to Kieran on Saturday's by calling to the back of the church. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

All Baptisms and Weddings are postponed until further notice.

Pennywell Day Care Centre

The day centre is currently closed however, they are providing meals on wheels on the following days Monday, Wednesday and Friday from the centre, these can be collected or delivered. Main course €2.50. Contact the centre on 061 414150 to get the menu and place an order.

Radio Maria Daily Mass will be aired at 10am each day including Sunday. Saorview, Channel 210

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