

**Sunday 26th January 2020**

**Parish Newsletter**

### ***Sunday of the Word of God***

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament. An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental.

What is the Word of God?

We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God's love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives, and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.



### ***Feast of St. Brigid***

February 1 - marks the first day of spring, and is also known as Lá Fhéile Bhríde, Saint Brigid's Feast Day. Brigid is one of Ireland's patron saints. One of the most common traditions of the day is to make a Saint Brigid's Cross. Brigid's crosses are made on Brigid's Eve, January 31st.

### ***Candlemas Day***

Sunday next February 2nd is Candlemas Day, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is widely regarded as the end of the Christmas Season. There will be blessing of Candles at all masses. Candles are available to purchase in the gift shop.



### ***Hope Foundation***

Molly Liston from Gael Scoil will be travelling to Calcutta in April this year. She wishes to thank all who donated to her collection last weekend at the 6pm and 12noon masses. The total amount collected was €710 and is very much appreciated.

### ***Parish Clerks Collection***

Envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral. . Thanks for your continued support.

### ***Thomond Archaeological & Historical Society.***

On Monday 27th January there is a lecture on ***Postcards on Social Life in Limerick*** given by Canon Donough O'Malley in Mary Immaculate College, Room T.I. 17 Tara Building at 8pm.

### ***St Johns Active Retirement Group***

The active retirement club will be back next Thursday 30th from 2.30pm to 5 pm in Pennywell Day Care Centre Pennywell Road. We are open to both male and female members. New and existing members welcome.



***The winner of the last draw is***

**Brendan Mullins**



### **Enrolment 2020**

St John's Girls and Infant Boys School and St John's Pre-School are now taking enrolments for September 2020. Please contact the schools for further information.

### **Milford Care Centre**

Milford Hospice 10K Run/Jog/Walk will take place on Sunday February 2nd. The event commences from the Kilmurry Village Car Park at 12pm. This event is open to runners and walkers of all levels and all proceeds go to Milford Hospice. To register online visit [www.milfordcarecentre.ie](http://www.milfordcarecentre.ie). Any queries contact the fundraising department, Milford Hospice on 061485859/485860.

### **Social Service Collection**

The Social Service Collection will now take place next weekend 1st and 2nd February.



### **Baptisms in the Cathedral**

We extend our congratulations to the family and friends of babies Kyah Ryan McNamara, Remaya Georgina O'Donnell on their recent baptism.

### **Upcoming Classes in St John's Parish School. Parent and Community Classes**

Beginners English Class: Mondays 9:00-11:00 am. Parents Room. St Johns Girls and Infant Boys School.

Cooking Class: Commenced Tuesday Jan 21st: 9:30-12 noon. Parents Room. St Johns girls and Infant Boys School.

Zumba Fitness Class: Wednesdays 9-10:00am. School Hall. St Johns Girls and Infant Boys School.

Hairdressing Class. Commenced Friday 17th January. 9:15-11:15. Parents Room. St Johns Girls and Infant Boys.

Furniture Restoration Class: Starting Friday 7th February, 11-1:00 pm, Pennywell Daycare Centre.

Incredible Years Parenting Programme (ages 4-12yrs), Fridays 9:30-11:45, Garryowen CDP, John St.

Contact Austin Newman Home School Community Liaison, St John's Parish Schools on 085 7560609/061 416752 for further information.

### **Sympathies**

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Winifred McCarthy Rip, Mary (Agnes) O'Callaghan Rip, Frances Flynn Rip.

### **Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday 25th</b>	10am John Roche. 6pm Gus McNamara, Martha Carey, Emmet Pearse, Thomas Frawley, Tom Kennedy –90th Birth Rem.
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	10.30am Mary Crotty, Tom Barry, Margaret Reidy, John Delahunty (Av). 12 noon John & Frances Collopy, Edward & Bernadette Waters, Pauline Yu nee Byrnes, Debbie Johnson– Birth Rem, Tom Tuite (Av), Anna Tuite - Month's Mind, Joan Mulcahy. 7pm Frankie Bourke, Teresa O'Neill.
<b>Monday 27th</b>	10am Joseph Copues. 5.45pm Breda Quinlivan.
<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	10am William Lewis, Catherine & Nathaniel Scales. 5.45pm Patrick Cusack.
<b>Wednesday 29th</b>	10am Joseph Copues. 5.45pm John Butler.
<b>Thursday 30th</b>	5.45pm Maureen Smalle, Bernadette & Daniel Ryan.
<b>Friday 31st</b>	10am Angela, Matt & Pat O'Riordan. 5.45pm Paddy & Son Liam O'Halloran, Bridie Kennedy, Molly Kelly.
<b>Saturday 1st</b>	6pm Mick Mulcahy, Hazel Shannon, Mary Hanrahan - Month's Mind, Helen Carney - Month's Mind.
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	8am John & Kathleen McCarthy (Av), 10.30am Tony Collins. 12 noon Noel Griffin. 7pm Teresa & Gerard Tuite, Babs Kelly, Michael & Chrissie Storan.