

Dear Parishioners you are invited to a **Parish Consultation at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4th March in St. John's Girls and Infant Boys School.** This gathering is part of a Diocese-wide process initiated by Bishop Leahy to consider how best parishes can be arranged in the future. While acknowledging what is positive in each parish, the aim of these meetings is to look ahead to the next ten years and see what steps need to be taken in terms of resourcing both the pastoral and practical aspects to do with the many hidden tasks of parish administration and sustainability - financial arrangements, safeguarding, data-protection, maintenance of buildings and modern IT requirements. The parish consultations will be guided by facilitators. While no decisions will be taken on the night, the feed-back will be extremely important in shaping the future of the diocese. The parish gathering is an opportunity to hear the voice of each parishioner.

Supervised Parking available in the church car park.

School entrance can be accessed through church grounds.

Notices



Trocaire Boxes are available at the back of the church.

Your support could help this family build a better future in the face of devastating storms and floods caused by worsening climate change across Rwanda.

5-Week Meditation Course,

Online, Thurs 5th March, 8pm.

Beginner-friendly meditation and breath practices for calm and relaxation.

Call Mary 087 276 4539.

Standard €88/€55 Community

Spanish Mass
International Women's Day

Sunday, March 8th, at 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Ave. V94 NR29
(Across from Griffith College)

If anyone would like to include a special intention in the Mass (death anniversary, someone who is ill, family intention, prayer for a need, etc.) please send us a direct message with:

- The intention you'd like to request
- El nombre completo de la persona
- And a donation of €10, which can be arranged with Miriam at 089 965 5873

After the Mass, we'll share some coffee, and if anyone would like to bring something to share, you're more than welcome.

Organized by:
Hispanic Community of Limerick
Laura (083 357 0794)
Miriam (089 965 5873)

We hope to see you there!

Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett
Fr Daniel Tomasik
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze
Fr Krzysztof Tyburowski
In residence Canon John Daly

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday's 4pm—5.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

Mass Times

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

Confessions

Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms

Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community **Nessa Hally**
We wish Nessa and her family every blessing.

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers **Mark Pearse**
May he rest in eternal peace.

Cathedral Shop

Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.
Sympathy cards, 1st holy communion and confirmation cards & other religious goods available to buy.

Split the Pot Draw

Congratulations to **Nuala Kelly** winner of last weekends draw. Draw Envelopes available at the back of the church. All proceeds go toward the maintenance of the Cathedral. Thank you for your continued support.

Reflection:

In the chapter preceding the one from which we read in today's Gospel passage, we hear Jesus telling the disciples that he was destined to suffer grievously and to be rejected by the religious authorities of his day and to be put to death. Naturally enough Peter was distressed to hear this and we are told he began to 'remonstrate' with him but that Jesus silenced him. Then we are told that Jesus addressed the greater gathering and told them that to be his followers would require them to renounce themselves and to take up their crosses. Again, pretty grim stuff.

Then Jesus gave a very stern warning. He said: "if anyone in this adulterous and sinful generation is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his father."

This sets the scene for today's passage. We are told that six days later Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and there in front of them he was

transformed utterly and that his clothes became dazzling white and that he was joined by Elijah and Moses and that a voice came from the cloud and announced: "This is my Son the Beloved, listen to him."

What does all this mean? Why did the transfiguration happen and what is its significance?

The transfiguration is evidence of the divinity of Jesus. He became dazzling white, whiter than any earthly source could have achieved. The Apostles were given a glimpse of God directly, face to face. Then Moses and Elijah appeared who represented the Law and the Prophets. The point here is that Jesus is the completion, the fulfilment, of the law and the prophets. He is the apex, the high point towards which the whole of the scriptures and history were pointing.

These two, and the Apostles, are witnesses to the divinity of Jesus and the final witness to this is the Father himself who was heard in the voice from the cloud

announcing that Jesus is his Beloved Son and He commands us to listen to him.

Glimpsing the divinity of Jesus strengthened the Apostles to bear the pain of the rejection and death of Jesus. This was the consolation that followed the dependency of the previous chapter. Knowing that Jesus is God is the consolation for us too as we struggle in our lives to be his followers especially in this age of faithlessness during which many scoff and sneer at our faith, strive to damage and undermine it and are ashamed of Jesus and of his words.

Monaleen Cancer Support Grp

is holding their AGM on Tuesday the 10th of March at 7:30pm in Monaleen GAA club. They would like to invite any new members interested in joining the group to attend.

All are welcome.

Diocesan needs collection

will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your support.