

Sunday 15th March 2020

Parish Newsletter

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10.30 am, 12.00 noon & 7.00pm. Bishop Leahy will celebrate mass at 12 noon. Mass will go out **live on the internet at www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com**. **There will be no congregation in the church on the day, the Cathedral will be closed to the public. Weekday Masses will be as normal except Holy Days.**

St Patrick's Day



Tuesday next is the Feast of St Patrick. Mass times there is **NO** Mass Monday evening, Tuesday times are 10.30am & 12 noon Bishop Leahy will celebrate mass at 12 noon. Mass will go out live on the internet at www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com. There will be no congregation in the church on the day. The cathedral will be closed to the public. There will be no 5.45pm Mass on Tuesday.

Norms during the Coronavirus

All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings, such as formation gatherings, retreats and seminars are cancelled.

All Confirmations are postponed until further notice.

Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial. Attendance at Funeral services and Masses should be limited to close relatives and must not exceed 100 attendees within the Church building.

Similarly, Church weddings and baptisms may be celebrated on condition that the attendance in Church does not exceed 100 people.

In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Parishes should inform parishioners of the local possibilities to participate in Mass via local radio and on line. It may be possible for some parishes to facilitate attendance at Mass while still observing the health authority's limit of 100 people.

This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families -to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those in the frontlines – especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy – that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.

John Fitzpatrick Retirement



This week saw the retirement of our Assistant Sacristan John. He has been here at St. John's for the past 34 years. He has given very loyal service to the Cathedral and Parish week in week out during that time. John brought many gifts, his organisational ability, his kindness towards people and his generous service going above and beyond the call of duty. We congratulate him on his service but this is not good bye as we will see John regularly as part of our Christian community. We wish him long and happy years of retirement.



The winner of the last draw is

Marie Danaher

Radio Maria

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

