

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8th January 2023

Priests of the Parish

Cannon Gerard Garrett
Fr Frank O'Connor
Fr Leo McDonnell

Parish Office

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Mass times

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

Holy Days

Vigil Weekdays 5.45pm
Weekdays 10am & 5.45pm

Confessions

Saturday's at 10.30am

Baptisms

Saturday at 4.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Cathedral Fri from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Cathedral Shop

Is open Mon to Sat 10.30am to 1pm.
The shop stocks a wide range of cards, candles and other religious goods.

Reflection:

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



We meet God, as Jesus did, in the human realities of our lives. They are often messy and almost never ideal. Yet this is where God chooses to meet us – in the suffering and poor, in the marginalised and excluded; in the narrowness and prejudice we face every day. And just as God spoke to Jesus, reassuring him of his closeness, so he speaks to us every day. All we have to do is listen and we too will hear God support and validate us. "You are my child, my beloved..." he will say to us, "... my favour rests on you."

Parish Notes :

Join us for this action packed historical talk St Saviour's Dominican parish hall:

Cats, Kings & Mongolian Adventures- Preachers stories from Medieval Limk

Fr Conor McDonough, O.P. Wednesday 11th Jan at 7.30pm

Retiring collection for St Saviour's roof repairs

The Slaintecare Healthy Communities Team are holding an event for people living in Limerick City to the 1st 'We Can Quit' stop smoking group of 2023 that will take place in;

Venue: St Mary's National School, Bishop Street, Limerick.

Date: Each Wednesday from the 1st of February to the 5th of April 2023

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Participants can avail of free Nicotine Replacement Therapy such as gums, patches, lozenges, etc. to help them Quit.

Limerick Dementia Social Club, Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre, V94 KX9V

First Wednesday of every month at 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Split the Pot



Congratulations to
Jimmy O'Keeffe & Jamie McMahon
recent winners of the draw.

We offer our sympathies to the family and loved ones of the recently deceased.

Angela O'Halloran

May she rest in peace.

City Monument restored in time for Christmas”

A golden angel statue stands upon the Bell Tower of St. Michael’s Church, Denmark Street. The monument has looked over Limerick City for almost 150 years and is truly unique, the likes of which are not found anywhere else in the country. The statue is highly ornate and features Michael the archangel, spear in hand standing upon a snarling dragon. Incredible attention to detail is exhibited in this cast-iron statue such as the gnarled teeth and forked tongue of the dragon, the ornate body armour and calm facial expression of the angel with hair suspended in the breeze.

Last month restoration works were commissioned by Fr. Leo of St. Michael’s Church and works carried out by Collins Steeplejacks.

Richard Boland of Collins Steeplejacks noticed on closer inspection that a large cavity had been opened by a lightning strike which had hit the statue directly causing serious damage. The weather had begun to eat into the cast-iron structure and if works hadn’t been completed immediately, the damage to the statue could have become irreparable.

Mr. Boland had a brand new spear cast, and was able to salvage the spearhead from the original.

The statue was first unveiled on the 29th of September 1881, the Feast Day of St. Michael.

While conducting a drone survey of the structure on the 29th of September 2020, Dr Paul O’Brien and Fionán Coughlan made a startling discovery that on this day each year the rising sun lines up with the spear held in the angel’s hands!

The video footage was sent to Fr. Leo who remarked at the amazing images caught on camera.

Now the statue has been fully restored, given a new spear and has been coated in gold leaf paint that is brilliant in the sun. A truly beautiful monument of our City lives on for future generations to enjoy!



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