

Sunday 30th January 2022

Parish Newsletter

Reflection: It is good for us to realize that when we experience rejection, or our ideas are ridiculed because of jealousy or anger or bitterness, we have, in Jesus, a person who can truly identify with our feelings.

Today's Gospel can give us strength and hope when we suffer rejection. Other Gospels share with us stories of Jesus being tempted, being angry, having doubts, being afraid, being tired, being sad, grieving, being betrayed, suffering physically, suffering injustice, and so much more.

Of course, the Gospels also tell us of Jesus celebrating with his friends, his popularity, his successes, his life and energy, his compassion, his gentleness, his forgiveness, his dedication, his commitment to prayer, his trust in God, and so much more. We can be certain that when Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants, I call you friends," he understood what friendship means and demands. As a friend he has walked before us, been in our shoes, and experienced everything that we experience. We must be thankful that the writers of the Gospels shared with us all of the experiences of Jesus, not just the positive ones. In Jesus, in times of rejection, we have a friend we can trust.



Join us on 15th April 2022 and let's keep Garryowen clean!

This year we are participating in Team Limerick Clean Up on Good Friday 15th April. We will be having refreshments in the Market's Field on the day. We would like all the sporting and Community groups in the Garryowen Area to come together to help us out. Please let me know if your group can attend and possible numbers.

Tom O'Brien 085 1216677



Thank you all for your contributions. Your generosity towards our appeal for a new Christmas tree is very much appreciated. It is a great source of encouragement to those who decorate the Cathedral at Christmas.

Fr Noel

Saints of the Week:

Mon 31st - St John Bosco - patron saint of youth.

Tue 1st Feb - St Brigid, Lá le Bríde

Thurs 2nd - St Blaise - throats will be blessed after 10am & 5.45 pm mass.



Split the Pot :

Congratulations to *Christopher Mulqueen* winner of last weekends draw (23rd Jan) .

Church Notices:

Pennywell day Care Centre is back

If you are interested in attending phone Geraldine at **061 414150** for further details.

We would ask all visitors to the Cathedral to be vigilant and keep personal items with you at all times.

Parish office tel 061 414624, Mon-Fri 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Baptisms can be booked through Parish Office at 414624 Or email, admin@stjohnscathedrallimerick.com

Confessions at 10.30am on Saturdays.

St Anthony's Novena takes place each Tuesday at 10am &



On Feb. 1 Catholics in Ireland and elsewhere will honor Saint Brigid, a monastic foundress who is – together with Saint Patrick and Saint Columcille – one of the country's three patron saints.

St. Brigid directly influenced several other future saints of Ireland, and her many religious communities helped to secure the country's conversion from paganism to the Catholic faith.



She is traditionally associated with the Cross of St. Brigid, a form of the cross made from reeds or straw that is placed in homes for blessing and protection. Some Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians also celebrate her feast.

Brigid was expected to marry. But she had other plans, which involved serving God in consecrated life. Understanding he could not change her mind, Dubthach her father granted Brigid permission to pursue her plan, and material means by which to do so. Thus did a pagan nobleman, through this gift to his daughter, play an unintentional but immense part in God's plan for Ireland.

Brigid's life as a nun was rooted in prayer, but it also involved substantial manual labour: cloth-making, dairy farming, and raising sheep. It is evident that Brigid travelled widely throughout the island, founding new houses and building up a uniquely Irish form of monasticism. When she was not traveling, many pilgrims – including prominent clergy, and some future saints – made their way to Kildare, seeking her advice.

Under Brigid's leadership, Kildare played a major role in the successful Christianization of Ireland. The abbess' influence was felt in the subsequent era of the Irish Church, a time when the country became known for its many monasteries and their intellectual achievements.

St. Brigid died around 525. She is said to have received the last sacraments from a priest, Saint Ninnidh, whose vocation she had encouraged. Veneration of Brigid grew in the centuries after her death, and spread outside of Ireland through the work of the country's monastic missionaries.

Recent Baptisms



We welcome to the Christian Community *Sadie McMahon* who was recently baptised here in the Cathedral.

Sympathy

The Priest of the Parish extend their sympathies to the families and loved ones of the recently deceased and whose funeral took place here in the Cathedral - *Oiver Ring. R.I.P.*

