

Sunday 7th August 2022

Parish Newsletter

Reflection: Fear is a negative emotion and a negative motivator. What parent would want to base their relationship with their children on fear rather than on love?

When God's Kingdom is finally and fully revealed it will be the same Kingdom ushered in by Jesus, and I can find not a single word or story or action of Jesus which would make me fear the coming of this Kingdom or not fully trust the one who is coming back to us.

"The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Why is it that these words of Jesus are always interpreted as being exclusively about death and judgement? Since the moment of the Resurrection Jesus once again lives among us. Every hour of every day, therefore, is the hour of his coming.

Jesus came to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus at an hour they did not expect and he walked, talked and ate with them before they recognised him. Yet there is no hint that they were afraid of the stranger, or that they didn't trust what he said to them. Rather, "their hearts burned within them..." and they hurried back to Jerusalem with "joy in their hearts."

Jesus is always with us, coming to us unexpectedly every day of our lives; in our loved ones, our neighbours, the sick, the old, the young, the poor, the homeless, the different, even in those we dislike and with whom we disagree. Of course Jesus calls us to "stand ready"... but not in fear. He wants nothing more than that "our hearts burn within us" and we find our true happiness and peace in "the Kingdom it has pleased our Father to give us."



Limerick Historical Society

Our next evening walk is to the St John's area of Limerick, on Wed August 10th. Meet outside St John's Cathedral at 7pm. We will walk via St John's Hospital, Lelia Street, Townwall Cottage and the Sarsfield monument.

Remember: Meet at Saint John's Cathedral at 7 pm on Wednesday August 10th.



Limerick Dementia Social Club

for Persons with Dementia and their Carers and all seeking support with Dementia.
Join us the first Wednesday of every month 6.30-8.30pm for a chat, cuppa and fun activity.
Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre, Childers Rd. Rosbrien, Limerick.

Mass at Cratloe Grotto

On the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, Monday 15th August at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. Hospitality will be provided after the Mass.

A Benburb Priory Conference

"Benburb Priory will soon host a day conference on the meaning crisis (rise in suicides, depression, and more) and the Christian way, today. The conference will feature leading Christian thinkers, including Paul Kingsnorth, Paul Vander Klay, and Fr Calvin Robinson. This event will take place on Friday 2nd September. Tickets are available at Benburbpriory.com now. **All are welcome.**"

Diocese of Limerick - Vacancy for Youth Ministry Coordinator

(Three-year fixed-term fulltime contract)

The Diocese is now recruiting a Youth Ministry Coordinator. The successful candidate will work on the delivery of the objectives and actions of the Young People theme in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, the vision of which is: “to create local opportunities for young people to meet their peers in the Eaglais Óg and replicate at local level, the success of the Youth Ministry at diocesan level and ensure that young people feel connected, involved and active in a multigenerational church whereby grandparents, parents and children minister to each other”.

An **Application Pack with Job Description** (PDF) and **Application Form** (Word) are available on www.limerickdiocese.org/news/vacancy-for-youth-ministry-coordinator/. CVs will not be accepted.

Mary's Meals

is a global movement that sets up and maintains school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger would otherwise prevent children from gaining an education. To raise awareness for this work, a fundraising walk will take place from various Irish locations beginning on Sunday 7th August to arrive in Knock Shrine on Monday 15th August. To get involved or find out more, please check out www.marysmeals.ie or contact Fr Eamonn Kelly at 087-9077985.

National Novena at Knock Shrine

‘A Journey in Hope’ The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from Sunday 14th – Monday 22nd August, offering nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to connect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine.

This year’s theme is ‘A Journey in Hope’.

Following a two-year break due to the pandemic, Fr Richard Gibbons hopes to make this year extra special for all who will be travelling to the Shrine to take part.

“The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady. .” Ceremonies will take place at Knock Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the course of the nine days with guest speakers present during each ceremony. There will also be the special candlelight procession, a traditional feature of the Novena at Knock, which takes place following the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting).

Recent Baptisms

Welcome to God’s Family— *Kayden O’Reilly*
Saoirse Cannon, Melissa Demeterova, and
Elsie Griffin.

Saints of the Week

Mon 11/8—St Dominic	Tue 9/8-St Teresa
Wed 12/8-St Lawrence	Thurs 9/8-St Clare

Mass Schedule : Mon -Fri 10am & 5.45pm, **Saturday** 10am & 6pm (vigil), **Sunday** 8am, 10.30am & 12noon.
Confessions - Saturdays after 10am Mass.

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Celtic Brothers
Starring The Willoughby's

In Concert

**Cathedral Of The Assumption
Thurles**

Friday 30th September 2022

**Ticket Donation €30 Available From Thurles Parish Office,
Cathedral Street Tel: 0504 22229
or Bookworm, Liberty Square, Thurles Tel: 0504 22257
Doors Open 7pm - Concert Starts 8pm**

Proceeds In Aid Of 'Cathedral Raise The Roof' Project