

Farewell and Godspeed to Fr. Noel Kirwan

The English Cardinal John Henry Newman, who visited Limerick on several occasions and celebrated Mass in St Michael's Church, once said; "Words are such poor vehicles for what the heart holds". This is so very true as we, the parishioners and staff of St John Parish, say farewell and Godspeed to Fr Noel. For the last seven years Noel has generously and tirelessly shared with us the Words of Scripture and the Sacraments of the Church. His deep faith in God and love of God's people have been both obvious and inspiring. Noel preached with conviction and the masterful skill of a storyteller. His gentle manner and profound kindness in moments of joy, such as weddings and baptisms and moments of sorrow, such as funerals, have touched many hearts and reminded us of the great love God holds for all people. His ability to bring hope and light into difficult moments made a great difference for so many of us. Our tremendous loss is another parish's tremendous gain. God's speed and every blessing Fr Noel as you begin a new stage in your service of the Lord and his people. Farewell and every blessing good and faithful servant.

Welcome Canon Gerard Garrett

As we bid farewell and God speed to Fr Noel, we give a warm St John's welcome to Canon Gerard who joins the parish community. He is no stranger to St. John's having ministered here back some thirty years ago. During the Covid Pandemic Canon Gerard celebrated Mass here, he and the children, families and teachers from Monaleen came to the Cathedral for the celebration of First Holy Communion, on those occasions his commitment to God's people and his ability to share the richness of the sacraments were clear. We wish him well in his ministry with all of us here in St John's parish. Welcome Canon Gerard.



Eucharistic Ministers - There is a Eucharistic Ministers meeting on Friday 16th September at 7pm in the Parish Centre.



Split the Pot
Congratulations to ***Yvonne Campbell*** winner of last weekend's draw (4/9).

St Johns Cathedral Choir resumes Thursday 15th September in preparation for singing at mass on Sunday 18th.

The choir practise every Thursday evening from 7:30pm to 9:30pm and sing at mass every Sunday at 12 noon. We are a four-part choir singing a wide variety of music, everything from plainchant to contemporary liturgical. New sopranos, altos, and basses are always welcome, if you are unsure of your voice range there is no problem. Also, while it is helpful if you are able to read music, it is not necessary as the training provided suits all levels of ability. The only requirement is to be able to sing in tune. The Choir are a very welcoming friendly group of people of all ages, if you would like to sing at the Christmas ceremonies, now is the time to join, as we will start our preparation shortly.

If you are interested, please give me a call on **061 414624**. ***Bernadette Kiely, Choir Director***

Upcoming Monastic Experience Day at the Poor Clares Galway

The Poor Clares, Galway are hosting a monastic Experience Day on Saturday 24th September from 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women who are exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. If you are under 40 and would like to attend the day you can book at: vocations@poorclares.ie

Recent Baptisms :We welcome to God's Family the following children who were baptised here in the Cathedral. ***Rendelle O'Doherty & Saige Williams***



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

***Breda O'Dwyer RIP, Jim Kennedy RIP
And Michael White RIP***



Listen to the Voice of Creation

SEASON OF CREATION 2022

We have entered into the Season of Creation which began on Thursday 1st of September and will run through to the feast of St Francis 4th of October.

The Season of Creation is an opportune time for us all to slow down, to reflect on and to celebrate the wonderful gift of creation all around us. So over the coming weeks, we will include a newsletter reflection, which we invite you to spend time with, and may they encourage you to find ways to reconnect with all of creation.

WALK DON'T RUN

Walk, don't run. That's it. Walk, don't run.

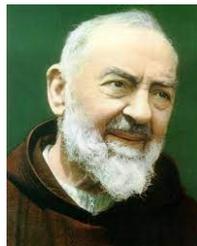
Slow down, breathe deeply, and open your eyes because there's a whole world right here within this one. The bush doesn't suddenly catch on fire; it's been burning the whole time. Moses is simply moving slowly enough to see it. And when he does, he takes off his sandals. Not because the ground has suddenly become holy, but because he's just now becoming aware that the ground has been holy the whole time.

Efficiency is not God's highest goal for your life, neither is busyness, or how many things you can get done in one day, or speed, or even success. But walking, which leads to seeing; now that's something. That's the invitation for every one of us today, and every day, in every conversation, interaction, event and moment: to walk, not run. And in doing so, to see a whole world right here within this one.

Take my hand. We will walk. We will only walk. We will enjoy our walk without thinking of arriving anywhere. Walk peacefully. Walk happily. Our walk is a peace walk. Our walk is a happiness walk. . **By Rob Bell**

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God" **Gerard Manley Hopkins**

We thank God for the beauty of creation. We ask God for the strength and grace to respect and cherish our increasingly fragile earth, God's gift to us.



Pilgrimage to Knock in Honour of St Padre Pio

On Saturday 17th September 2022

Bus leaves St Saviour's Church (Dominican Church) at 9am sharp.

To book a seat on the Bus contact Fergal on 087 7505858 or call to the Dominican Sisters at the church sacristy before 1pm.

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