

Sunday 2nd February 2020

Parish Newsletter



Feast of St. Brigid

February 1 - marks the first day of spring, and is also known as Lá Fhéile Bhríde, Saint Brigid's Feast Day. Brigid is one of Ireland's patron saints. One of the most common traditions of the day is to make a Saint Brigid's Cross. Brigid's crosses are made on Brigid's Eve, January 31st.

Candlemas Day

Sunday next February 2nd is Candlemas Day, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is widely regarded as the end of the Christmas Season. There will be blessing of Candles at all masses. Candles are available to purchase in the gift shop.



Feast of St Blaise

Monday February 3rd is the Feast of St Blaise, throats will be blessed after both masses. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the priest touches the throat of each person saying - "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may you be freed from all sickness of the throat and from any other illness".



The Word of God

The word of God is something alive and active." Hebrews 4:12

Pope Francis has requested that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year is dedicated to the celebration of the Word of God. This reminds us of the beauty and the importance of the Word of God both in the Bible and in the readings at Mass. To mark the Sunday of the Word of God in the Cathedral this year, we had a copy of one volume of the St John's Bible. This is a large sized manuscript copy of the Bible, it is beautifully illustrated. We are very grateful to Mary Immaculate College and Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon for loaning the volume to the people of the parish. At the 12 noon Mass, the Gospel procession featured our parishioners, Zarah, her mother Noreen and her Grandmother

Breda who presented the book of the Gospels to Fr. Noel.

We are reminded that the Scriptures, like our faith, are passed on from generation to generation. There are many ways that we can become more familiar with the Word of God. We can buy a Bible and read a part of it every day. We can prepare for the Liturgy of the Word at Mass by going online and looking up the reading for the next weekend, we could buy a missal with the reading in it, or we could come to the Cathedral a little earlier than usual, and spend time looking over and praying with the readings. In any one of these ways the word of God can become alive and active in each of us.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart on 7th February in St. Nessans Church, Mass 10.15pm to 12 midnight including confession.

Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara

Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara are holding a Bereavement Information evening on Thursday February 13th at 6.45pm in Milford Care Centre. Contact 0852888888



The winner of the last draw is

Bobby Hartigan

Scoil na nÓg Preschool
St. John's

We are now enrolling for September 2020. Places are limited so apply now to avoid disappointment

For more information
Call: 061 481017
Email: stjohns.scoilnanog@gmail.com

Activities provided:
 - Extra half hour provided free of charge Monday to Thursday
 - Healthy snacks provided
 - Qualified & Experienced Staff
 - A Clean & safe Environment in which each child can grow & learn
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Music & Dancing
 - Memory Play & much more

NOW Enrolling

Application forms are available from the Preschool office

Milford Care Centre

Milford Hospice 10K Run/Jog/Walk will take place on Sunday February 2nd. The event commences from the Kilmurry Village Car Park at 12pm. To register online visit www.milfordcarecentre.ie. Any queries contact the Fundraising department, Milford Hospice on 061485859/485860.

Social Service Collection

The Social Service Collection will now take place this weekend 1st and 2nd February.

Parish Clerks Collection

We would like to thank all who supported the parish clerks collection last weekend.



Baptisms in the Cathedral

We extend our congratulations to the family and friends of baby Michael Thomas Hurley and baby Jack Barry on their recent Baptism and welcome them into the Christian community.

Pro Life Mass

There will be a pro-life mass on Thursday February 6th in the Repatriation Convent, Limerick. Mass begins at 7pm with the rosary. Celebrant is Fr. John Mockler.

Theology on Tap

Young adults are invited to Bobby Byrnes on 11th February at 8pm for "Theology on Tap". Fr. Conor McDonough will give the talk, 'Prove it' Does Science Disprove God? For more information contact the vocations office at vocations@limerickdiocese.org

Upcoming Classes in St John's Parish School. Parent and Community Classes

Furniture Restoration Class: Starting Friday 7th February, 11-1:00 pm, Pennywell Daycare Centre.
 Incredible Years Parenting Programme (ages 4-12yrs), Fridays 9:30-11:45, Garryowen CDP, John St.
 For any information regarding ongoing classes please Contact Austin Newman Home School Community Liaison, St John's Parish Schools on 085 7560609/061 416752.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st

6pm Mick Mulcahy, Hazel Shannon, Mary Hanrahan - Month's Mind,
 Helen Carney - Month's Mind.

Sunday 2nd

8am John & Kathleen McCarthy (Av), 10.30am Tony Collins.
 12 noon Noel Griffin.
 7pm Teresa & Gerard Tuite, Babs Kelly, Michael & Chrissie Storan.

Monday 3rd

10am Roland Puzin - Month's Mind. Christina & John Kelly, John McAllister.

Tuesday 4th

10am Mary Mulcahy. 5.45pm Gerard Gordon - Birth Rem, Annie McDonald.

Wednesday 5th

10am Donie O'Shaughnessy. 5.45pm Joe Bowman.

Thursday 6th

10am Mary Lynch. 5.45pm Charlie & Rosaleen Wilson, Peter Stundon.

Friday 7th

10am Kathleen Power - Birth Rem. 5.45pm Paddy & Ann Cleary, Healy Family.

Saturday 8th

10am Michael Quinn. 6pm Chrissie McManus (1st Av), Robert & Doris Kenny,
 Noreen Hardaker, Tommy Irwin, Maura O'Brien, Bernadette Fitzpatrick,
 Pat Daly - Month's Mind.

Sunday 9th

8am Billy Reeves. 10.30am Teresa Cantillon, Kevin & Teresa O'Mara, Marion Hogan.
 12 noon Angela & Connie Maher, John (Junior) Waters, Olive Hickie (1st Av),
 Christina Clancy.
 7pm Joe Sheehan, George Gardiner - Month's Mind.