

Sunday 16th January 2022

Reflection: my hour has not yet come..."

This 'hour' is a concept John returns to several times in his Gospel. Later in the Gospel Jesus says, *"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." (12:23)* and it refers to the moment of entering into his suffering and death, leading to his resurrection. As with John's use of the word 'sign', his use of the word 'hour' points us to his 'Greatest Hour' when he dies and rises again from the dead. John is saying to his readers; he is saying to each one of us today, "...The hour that matters, the event that must give meaning to your life, the experience you must constantly come back to, is that which happened on Easter Sunday morning when the glorified Christ rose from the dead."

In our present times of suffering, be they Omicron or climate change or political uncertainty or poverty or illness or death; our hope, our certainty rests in the person of Jesus, in his 'Great Sign', his 'Great Hour', when he died and rose again and is now with us, truly with us, until the end of time.

This is what we must always come back to. This is what we must witness to. This is the 'Good News' we are called to experience within ourselves and then share with others: "Dying he destroyed our death; Rising he restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in Glory.

Parish Newsletter





Adult Classes in Garryowen CDP are Back Again in January

1. Mindfulness, Tuesdays 10.00am - 12.noon St. John's Band Hall Starting 25th January for 10 weeks. This term we will be looking at how mindful living can strengthen natural immunity and enhance general health.

2. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) : St. John's Band Hall Mondays 11.00am - 1.00pm. Starting 31st January. Helping parents of migrant children to improve their English language skills.

3. Garryowen Art Club is back on Thursday 27th January 3.15pm- 5.15pm every Thursday. Painting for all levels. New members welcome.



Text John on 0879888326 to book a place

Split the Pot :

Congratulations to *Sinead Guinning*, our winner of last weekends draw (9th Jan) :

Draw envelopes are available at the back of the church.



Church Notices:

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.

Weekly Envelope Boxes can be collected from Sacristy.

Baptisms take place Saturday's at 3.30pm or 4.30pm, Contact Parish Office at 061 414624 Or email, admin@stjohnscathedrallimerick.com

Confessions take place at 10.30am on Saturdays.

St Anthony's Novena takes place each Tuesday at 10am & 5.45pm with a special blessing of the relic after mass.



Pennywell Day Care Centre – is returning Monday 24th January.



If you are over 60 and would like an occasional change in surroundings, why not come and spend some time in a pleasant environment with interesting activities, a nice hot meal and good company. The Centre is open — Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 3.00pm.

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

Recently Baptised

We welcome to the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Freya Douglas



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

Maura Clarke RIP, William O'Rourke RIP, Paddy Funnucane RIP, Michael Clancy RIP, Mary O'Flynn RIP.

