

Liturgy Corner: The Great Amen

An interesting question this week.

“Should the congregation say the ‘Through him, with him.....’ with the celebrant?”



The ‘Through him, with him.....’ is correctly called the Doxology and is the final part of the Eucharistic Prayer and as such should only be said by the celebrant. The Amen at the end of the Doxology is called the ‘Great Amen’. The word ‘Amen’ which is used throughout the liturgy comes from the Hebrew word ‘aman’ which means to confirm or affirm. The Great Amen at Mass is the moment when the congregation express their belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist on the Altar. The Great Amen should be spoken clearly and loudly, in the early Christian Communities, it was said that the Great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer sounded like a clap of thunder!

Pipe Organ Restoration, Progress Report.

Our Cathedral’s Pipe Organ which was donated by the Dunraven family in the latter part of the 19th Century is, as you know, a musical instrument of considerable merit. It is among the best in the country. Sadly, having given tremendous service over many years, it is in poor condition and in need of restoration. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and others, *Phase One* is underway. On 12th June the formal contract between Trevor Crowe Ltd and St. John's was signed and the initial payment of €17,450 was made. Work has begun off-site, and it is anticipated that on-site works will commence during the third week of August to be completed no later than the last week in September. As was announced at the concert given here by the staff and students of the Limerick School of Music at the end of April, the Heritage Council of Ireland has approved a grant of €25,000 towards the cost of the restoration.

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Split the Pot

Congratulations to **Nicola O’Riordan**

Winner of last weekends draw 25/6.

Draw Envelopes are available at the back of the church.



Recent Deaths:

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



Margaret Prenderville RIP
Michael Morgan RIP
James McNamara RIP
May their gentle souls rest in eternal peace.

Newly Baptised:



We welcome to the Christian Community through the sacrament of baptism

Ava Judith Earls.