



Sunday 14th March 2021

Parish Newsletter

Reflection:



Being a Christian is not just about following rules and regulations; it is about following a person. It is about following Jesus Christ. Being a disciple of Jesus is not just or even a matter of the head; it is a matter of the heart. God, through the words, actions, life, death and resurrection of Jesus offers us the gifts of reconciliation and eternal life. God through the person of Jesus reaches out to each of us; God through Jesus speaks to us. To see Jesus is to see God. To hear Jesus is to hear God. To experience Jesus is to experience God. Jesus invited Nicodemus out the dark and into the light. As we take another step on our Lenten journey, Jesus does the same for us.

We are people of the light, not the darkness.

Happy Mothering Sunday

As Mother's Day comes around again, let's embrace a new Mother's Day message that honours the importance of all women as mothers, be that with a specific child or as a role model for women, men and children generally.



Mass Times from Monday 15th to Sunday 21st March

All masses continue to be celebrated behind closed doors (no congregation)

Mass times: Monday – Friday 10am & 5.45pm. Saturday 10am & (Vigil Mass) 6pm. Sunday 10.30am, 12 noon & 7pm.

Vigil mass Tuesday at 6pm for St Patricks Day and 10am & 12 noon Wednesday. No 5.45pm mass.

Please join with us via our webcam www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com



St Patrick's Day Wednesday 17th March

Prayer of St Patrick: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen

Visit www.Limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival for a full festival lineup

St John's Girls and Infant Boys School



We are delighted to welcome back to school Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth classes on Monday 15th March. Please note that the school will close on Wednesday 17th March St Patricks Day and will re-open on Thursday at 9am.

Next Week (Monday 15th March) all classes are back Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Webinar for Parents of Children for Confirmation

Parents of children for Confirmation in 2021 are invited to this pre-sacramental webinar

The Diocese of Limerick will be hold a pre-sacramental preparation webinar for parents of children who intend receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 on **Tuesday the 23rd March from 7-8pm**. Dr Patricia Kieran of Mary Immaculate College will present the webinar.

To register for the webinar please click here: [Confirmation – Journeying with your child](#)

Registration will close on Friday March 19th at 5pm. An email will be sent to all who register with a link to the webinar.

Trócaire's Lenten Fundraising Event – From Limerick with Love

Once again, I would like to extend a huge heartfelt thank you to all of you who have already registered your participation in our Trócaire Lenten Fundraising event – From Limerick with Love. There has been such a wonderful response from so many of you all across the Parish and Diocese, for which I am profoundly grateful.

We are over half-way through Lent and still have three weeks of our event to go. However, I suspect that once all kilometres have been collected and counted this weekend we will have virtually arrived in South Sudan, having covered the distance of 6241km and so for the next three weeks we will be making the journey back to Limerick.

This week's theme is Peace; Your efforts and generosity will help to build peace councils which will work towards ending the ongoing conflict in South Sudan.

So, as you move this week for Trócaire, I invite you to pray for peace in South Sudan and also everywhere in our world currently facing the horror of any sort of conflict.

As we celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, let us not forget the motherly love of Awut & Ajak for their families and for all mothers struggling to feed and protect their families in South Sudan and all over the world.

So, this week maybe you take some photos of yourselves at various local landmarks and landscapes and share on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, using the hashtag #fromlimerickwithlove. These photos will eventually make their way to South Sudan, allowing them to learn how the people of Limerick came out and got moving in order to raise awareness and vital funds to support them in the midst of their conflict.

There is still plenty of time to encourage family & friends to register their participation at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r./fromlimerickwithlove>

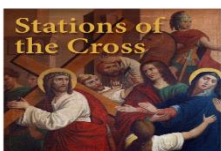
And donations are gratefully welcomed and can be made throughout Lent at: <https://gofund.me/d9deb4d6>

You can follow us on Instagram @ from.limerickwithlove

My Warmest Regards, Sharon Collopy, Trócaire Volunteer.

Weekly Envelopes / Donations

If you wish to donate via the weekly envelope system, please continue to do so, the envelopes can be given to Kieran on Saturday's by calling to the Sacristy at the back of the church. You can also donate on line through our website www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com Thank you for your continued support.



Join us each Friday of Lent at 3.00pm on our Webcam.

Split the Pot

The winner of last weekend's draw (Sunday 7th March.) was Iggy Egan. "Split the Pot" Envelopes can be dropped off to Kieran at the Sacristy or can be dropped into the black box at the back of the Cathedral.



Sympathies

The Priests of the parish extend their sympathies to the families and friends of the recently deceased.