

News Old & New



**Canonisation of
Cardinal John Henry Newman.**

Community Employment Project

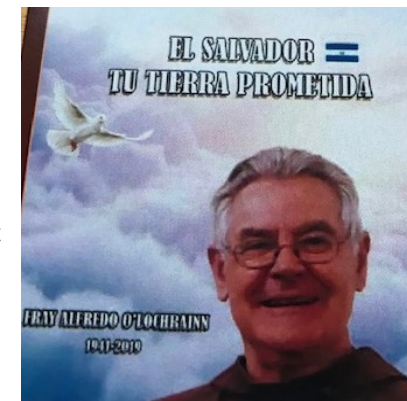
We currently have vacancies in Office and Admin and Caretaker/Maintenance on our community employment project. If you are interested in applying for any of these vacancies please contact the Parish Office on 061-414624 or email admin@stjohnscathedrallimerick.com

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed from Friday 20th December at 1pm and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January at 9.30 am. In case of an emergency please telephone the On Call Mobile on 0872589279.

Fr Colm Loughran RIP

Fr Colm died this year in Gotera, El Salvador. Fr Colm was the first Franciscan to celebrate the Novena to St Anthony in St. John's Cathedral. Fr Colm was a regular celebrant at the weekday and weekend masses when he was home on holiday. He is sadly missed.



The Giving Tree- Be a Secret Santa with the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Society of St Vincent de Paul provides help to thousands of families at Christmas, which include gift vouchers, toys for small children, gifts for young people as well as gifts for older adults. Many thanks to all who left a gift.



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This year we also saw the launch of our new website and logo.

Harvest Garden

Pope Frances has asked us to follow the example of St Francis of Assisi and take care of our common home. Some practical ideas if which we can take part in are spending time outside each day, support local producers, avoid waste, pray in and with nature. Our Harvest Garden here in St. John's Cathedral in October.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our very own Fr Frank O'Connor on receiving his Masters in Theology.



Mass for the Bereaved.

Annual Mass for the Bereaved took place on the 8th of November this year. We remember all the Holy Souls at this time of year.



Trocaire

We collected €2245 for Trócaire Gifts of Love appeal. Many thanks to all who supported it.



Christmas Dues Collection

The Christmas Dues collection will be taken up at all masses over Christmas. This collection is completely for the support of the priests in the parish.



**SPLIT
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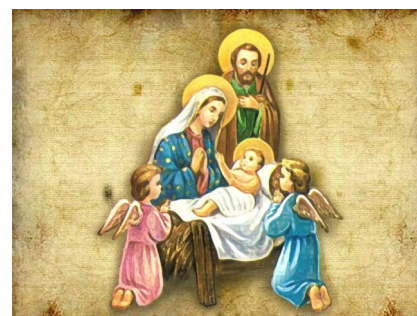
Parish Lotto/Split the Pot

This year saw the end of the Parish Lotto. The Jackpot had not been won and was divided into 25 prizes of both €1000 and €100. It was replaced with Split the Pot which started on Sunday 3rd of November. We now have a **Winner Every Week**. Envelopes can be found around the cathedral. Many thanks to all who support it.

**The winner of the last draw is
Marie Cronin**

Plan Giving

The annual Plan Giving boxes of envelopes are now available in the sacristy. These are for commencement from January 2020. If you are not already taking one and would like to please see Kieran in the sacristy. Thank you for your continued support.



Mass at our Ladies Shrine.

Mass took place on Sunday the 6th of October 2019 at Our Ladies Shrine in Garryowen. There was an excellent turnout.



Christmas Mass Times & Confessions

Sunday 22nd December

Mass times as Normal

Confessions at 8.30am — 9am 10.45am—11 45am

6pm – 7pm

Monday 23rd December

Mass times as Normal

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Morning Mass 10am

Children 's Mass 4pm

Carols begin at 6.30pm, Christmas Vigil Mass 7pm

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Mass 8am, 10.30am (Youth Choir) 12 noon (Senior Choir)

No Evening Mass

Thursday 26th - Friday 27th December

Mass 10am. No Evening Mass

Saturday 28th December

Mass 10am, Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 29th December

Mass 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon & 7pm

Monday 30th December - Wednesday 1st January

Mass 10am. No Evening Mass

Thursday 2nd January

Mass Intentions

Saturday 21st

10am Hannon & Ford Families.

6pm Bridget & Alison Hurley, Ted & Mary Hickey, Phil & Jimmy O'Flynn, Michael, Rose & Margaret McNamara, Peggy Whelan, Thomas Marsh, Chrissie Duhig—Birth Rem, Brian Gorman - Birth Rem.

Sunday 22nd

8am O'Neill Family. 10.30am James & Mary Frawley, Jim Rochford & Ned Chambers, Paschel O'Brien. 12noon Nash Family, Breda Neville. 7pm John Sheehan, Patricia Flynn, Patrick Connerty, Rita Mullins.

Monday 23rd

10am Holy Souls. 5.45pm Patricia Flynn.

Tuesday 24th

10am Ger & Mary Hogan. 4.00pm Madden Family, Edward Sheedy 1st Av. 7pm Vigil Mass.

Wednesday 25th

8am Kelly & Keogh Family. 10.30am Helena Slattery, Patrick & Josephine Carrig, Michael Waters, Willie & Mary Costelloe, Liam Moroney, Jim & Sarah McInerney. 12noon Donagh McNamara, Rachel Kennedy, Bridie Hannon.

Thursday 26th

10am John & Nora Butler. 5.45pm No Mass.

Friday 27th

10am Ann Carroll nee Daly, Margaret McNamara, James McNamara - Birth Rem. 5.45pm No Mass.

Saturday 28th

6pm Philomena Mullins, Evelyn McCormack, Doris Phelan, Sean, Seamus & Austin Constable.

Sunday 29th

10.30am Chrissie Cantillon. 12noon George & Margaret Lee, Jim Madden, Geraldine Boland, John Dempsey, Kelly & Tucker Family, Catherine & John Benn -100th Birth Rem. 7pm Mary Hackett.



Diocesan Safeguarding Service

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Enrolment 2020

St John's Girls and Infant Boys School and St. John's Pre-School are now taking enrolments for September 2020. Please contact the schools for further information.



A Christmas Message

Happy Christmas to one and all. I take this opportunity to pray Gods blessing on you and your family and on all those who live in this community under the “shadow of the spire”. It is a time to express my gratitude for all the voluntary effort that is the heartbeat of this parish, so many who give of their time and skills out of love for this beautiful Cathedral. Also, to recognise the commitment of our staff who are a joy to work with, I thank them for their professionalism and their for their many acts of kindness during the year. To all of you who contribute financially to the up keep of the Cathedral and the support of our priests your generosity is inspirational and received with grateful thanks. There are many voluntary and statutory groups who work in this community, your work enhances the lives of our people, thank you. We are proud of our schools the commitment of the staff is second to none, they create a wonderful atmosphere for learning and offer a genuine love for our children. This is the Feast of Christmas and we give thanks to God for all the blessings of this year, for giving us the gift of Jesus who accompanies us on the journey of our life in sickness and in health, in sadness and joy. We hold in prayer those who have shared past Christmases with us and now rest in the Lord and all who are in sadness or in need at this time may you know the love of Jesus at this time of your life.



Fr Noel



Advent Week 4

Light of God, guiding Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, burn brightly in our hearts this Christmas, healing the wounds in our country, our community, our homes and our hearts, show us the path of forgiveness and love. May this God given light strengthen the sick, the needy, and all those who cannot be home this Christmas time.