

Sunday 16th May 2021

Parish Newsletter

Reflection:



There is an air of finality about today's festival. Our focus is on the retelling of a story declaring that Christ has returned to the Father, and so we think of it as the 'end' of the Christ event or the 'end of Easter' – in times past there was a custom of extinguishing the Paschal Candle after the gospel to signify: 'he is gone.

But the air of finality must be presented in a different way – it is not the final song to mark the sorry close of a party, but the joyous finality of a building job completed: Christ's presence is no longer limited to a small group in one place at a particular time, now his presence is diffused throughout creation through his body the church. It is this mystery of Christ's presence we celebrate today: we are not here to recall some 'event' that 'happened' on some fixed day in human historical time. Ascension is not about Christ's absence, but about his presence in a different way to that which he had before his death. He now is present in our community, and as a group we must make him present by testifying to him before the world as the community of justice, peace and love.

Mass Times from Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd May



Monday to Friday 10am & 5.45pm. Saturday 10am & 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10.30am, 12noon & 7pm.

We are so delighted to have our doors open and have the freedom to gather with each other to celebrate the Eucharist. We must still adhere to all HSE & Government guidelines with regards COVID-19.

The following are our times of opening: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 10.30am

After mass we will close for 30 minutes to sanitise the building.

11am doors will be open again until 4pm, when the Cathedral will again be sanitised.

5.15pm we will open for our 5.45pm mass.

Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am after mass we will close for 30 minutes to sanitise the building.

11am doors will be opened again until 4pm, when the Cathedral will again be sanitised.

5pm we will open for our 6pm (vigil) mass.

Sunday doors will be open 30minutes before each mass and closed after each mass while we sanitise the building.

The Cathedral will be closed between 1pm and 6.30pm when we will open for the 7pm mass. Fr Noel

Annual Novena in Honour of St Anthony

The Novena to St Anthony will take place from **Saturday 5th June to Sunday 13th June.**
Further details to follow.....



Split the Pot



The winner of last weekend’s draw (Sunday 2nd May) was Dolores Gallagher.
“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.

Weekly Envelopes / Donations

Weekly envelopes can be handed in during mass into the baskets in the church or can be dropped off to Kieran throughout the week You can also donate on line through our website www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com
We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Pennywell Day Care Centre



The day centre are providing meals on wheels on the following days
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, these can be collected or delivered.
Contact the centre at 061 414150

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Join Pope Francis during May in a global Rosary ‘marathon’ for end of COVID-19



The Vatican has announced a rosary initiative dedicating the month of May to prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. It is the desire of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, that the month of May will be dedicated to a prayer marathon with the theme ‘Prayer to God went up incessantly from the whole Church.’”

The world’s Catholic shrines will be involved in a special way as promoters of the rosary among Catholic individuals, families, and communities.

Thirty of the shrines will take turns leading a daily live-streamed rosary at 12 p.m. Eastern time. It will be broadcast across [Vatican Media’s platforms.](#)

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