



Sunday 10th May 2020

Parish Newsletter

Sunday Reflection

I believe most Christians have good intentions to follow Jesus' example, but they are quickly overrun by the "me-first" norms of mainstream culture. In moments of crisis, however, we seem to tap into something deeper and truer. We remember our kinship with one another. In the first weeks of the pandemic, I heard media reports of hoarding and price gouging, but I have heard far more stories of generosity, courage, compassion, and sacrifice for the sake of others. We do not all have the same gifts, but many seem to be giving their very best.

Richard Rohr

Mass times from Monday 11th May to Sunday 17th May

We will continue to celebrate Mass behind closed doors (no congregation). Monday - Friday 5.45pm, Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6pm, Sunday 10.30am and 12 noon. Please join us through our webcam. www.limerickcathedral.com

Online Donations

We have launched a **Donation Page** on our Web Site www.limerickcathedral.com

Parishioners and friends of St John's have been asking how they might continue to support the Cathedral in these times. Having discussed this with our web designer, this donation page was suggested. It is simple and straight forward to use. We take this opportunity to thank all those who have dropped in donations and weekly envelopes at the presbytery and **those who have contacted us on E-Mail and text with kind and encouraging words**. We assure you all of our continued prayers for you and your families in these extraordinary times.

Fr Noel

All Baptisms and Weddings are postponed until further notice.

Sympathies We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the recently deceased in the Parish.



Funerals at a time of Covid-19

As a Parish and a Diocese, we are so sorry for your loss. To lose the people that we love is always difficult and lonely. Losing the people that we love during this pandemic makes our grief all the harder and more complicated. The normal rituals and support systems of family, neighbours and friends that usually sustain, hold and heal us at times like this are no longer freely available. Due to government restrictions, funerals must now either go straight to the graveyard or the Church. Gathering people in confined spaces for vigil prayers or rosaries is not possible. The Government have stipulated that only 10 people can attend the funeral Mass (if a Mass is possible). This is incredibly sad as families and friends must make awful decisions and inevitably dear family and friends end up not being able to attend the funeral Mass of the one they love. Restrictions for families become even more difficult if a family member dies of Covid-19 as family members may be in 'isolation' themselves. With all this sadness in mind there are a few important suggestions that may help you find ways to give expression to your grief and hopefully find healing and comfort. This information can be viewed here on our website.

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Patients still need Blood and Platelets. To comply with Covid-19 recommendations Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS) are asking donors to call and book an appointment to attend their upcoming clinic by ringing **061 306980.**



IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO AN EXPERIENCED **COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELLOR**
Contact: **01 531 3331**, 9.00 am - 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday *All calls charged at local rate.*

The Community Call: For Daily Updates Visit www.gov.ie/communitycall www.hse.ie

Limerick City and County 1800 832 005 covidsupport@limerick.ie

ALONE National support line and additional support for older people. Telephone 0818 222 024

Alcoholics Anonymous Contact 061 311222 / e-mail aalimerick@gmail.com

Split the Pot The winner of last weekend's draw (Sunday 3rd May) was Leanne McCarthy.
You may leave your envelope with Kieran on Saturdays at the church sacristy.



Weekly Envelopes: If you wish to donate via the weekly envelope system, please continue to do so. The envelopes can be given to Kieran on Saturdays by calling to the back of the church. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Pennywell Day-care Centre: The day-care are providing meals on wheels on the following days Monday, Wednesday and Friday from the centre. These can be collected or delivered. Main course €2.50. Contact the centre on 061 414150 to get the menu and place an order.

Radio Maria Daily Mass will be aired at 10am each day including Sunday. Saorview, Channel 210