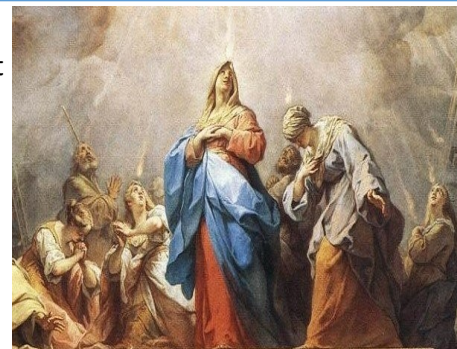


Sunday 5th June 2022 Pentecost Sunday

Parish Newsletter

Reflection: Almost all of those who were present at Pentecost were tortured and died rather than renege on what they had experienced. Theirs was not a burst of enthusiasm or a resolution to live a better life. Their lives were utterly changed and the 'new' life they experienced was real enough to withstand everything a cynical and unbelieving world threw at them. Pentecost, for them, was not a kind of once-off, exciting experience. It happened within them day after day after day, no matter what circumstances they were in. So what was it that happened at Pentecost? While the Apostles did not yet have nice, neat, Trinitarian categories to describe the internal life of God, it is obvious that they were describing something given to them which was God, yet somehow was not either 'Father' (their Creator God) or 'Jesus' (the Risen Lord). It was not just a 'presence to them', leading to a burst of enthusiasm and joy, but more like a 'living person' within them, giving them a strength they never knew they could have; a courage to face death with the calm certainty that they too would rise with their Lord; a deep and profound Hope that the Kingdom of God had been ushered in with Jesus and would renew the face of the earth, and an almost overwhelming awareness that it was now their mission to keep the spirit and message of Jesus alive in their world. For them all of this was new, and vibrant, and urgent, and immediate, and burning and 'now'. They burst on to the streets, speaking to anyone who would listen. No barriers would stop them, neither language nor fear. They had a mission to fulfil and they had a Spirit living within them which would make it happen. They were like children, unburdened by the cares of life, unscarred by betrayal and distrust, starting something that they knew they had the energy to finish.



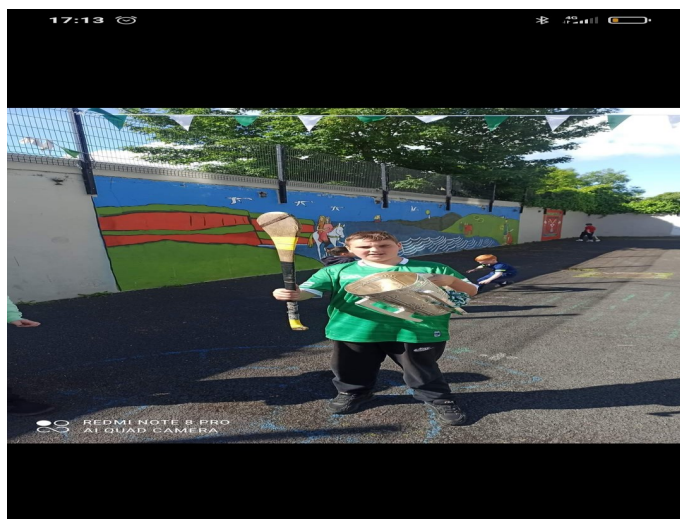
St John the Baptist BNS had a fantastic day on Wednesday where they were privileged to have a visit from the Liam McCarthy Cup, just in time before the Munster final on Sunday.

It was a fantastic day with great community spirit and camaraderie. Parents, Grandparents, family and friends visited the school for this special occasion. We also had the pleasure of inviting people who have a very positive impact on our school: Seamus Long (previous Principal of the school), Ger Hegarty (a past pupil and Gearoid Hegarty's father), Niall Phelan and Mike Mc from St Patrick's GAA and Michelle O' Riordan (school's manager) and of course Fr Noel Kirwan. Everyone gathered around for tea, coffee, croissants and sausage rolls, catching up on lost time due to COVID-19.

Gary McCarthy from Limerick GAA brought the cup for the boys to see. Liam McCarthy wasn't in Limerick for 45 years previous to 2018, making this a very important moment for the boys in St. John the Baptist BNS.

Gary then presented us with the GAA 5-star flag Award which Ms. Grace has been working towards since 2018. The school is extremely proud of the boys as their GAA skills have improved immensely due to their ongoing training with Gary as part of the initiative.

It was a fantastic day that won't be forgotten for a long while and we look forward to more fun days with a great sense of community spirit. **David Nicholas, Principal**



Recently Baptised: Welcome to the Christian Community **Alfie O'Donoghue, Milo Guerin, Mason McNamara, Jesse Lyons and Ben Keogh** who were baptised here at St John's Cathedral.



Sympathy: The Priest of the Parish extend their sympathies to the families and loved ones of the recently deceased and whose funeral took place in the Cathedral

Geraldine Hogan Williams RIP, Mike Cross RIP



Split the Pot : Congratulations to **Brid Kelleher** who won last weekends draw 29th May.

Limerick Historical Society



Limerick Historical Society (Ireland)

Our next evening walk will commence at St Michael's Church Wednesday 8th June at 7pm. After the tour of the interior of the Church we will travel down Barrington St to the old Jesuit church in the Crescent. All are very welcome to join us on the evening.



St Vincent De Paul's **shop in Thomas Street** are appealing for donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, shoes (paired) , handbags and bed linen. No electrical items , duvets or blankets. Bags can be dropped off to the shop Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm. All proceeds go towards helping those in need in our community.



NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday 5th June - Monday 13th June 2022
Masses each day 10.00am & 5.45pm

(Saturday 10am & 6pm) (Sunday 10.30am)

With Novena Prayers, Homily and Blessing with Relic

(B/H) Monday 6th June 10am, no evening novena

Tuesday 7th Blessing of Expectant Mothers 5.45pm

Friday 10th Anointing of the Sick 10am & 5.45pm

Blessing of Lilies on the final day



To defray the cost of the Novena there will be a once off collection on Monday 13th June (the final day of the Novena) at the 10am & 5.45pm sessions.

We thank you for your generosity.

Fr Noel

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