



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Parish Newsletter

Mass times for Monday March 23rd to Sunday March 29th.

Mass times are as follows Monday - Friday 5.45pm transmitted via the internet. Saturday March 28th 6pm transmitted via the internet and Sunday March 29th 10.30am and 12noon transmitted via the internet. There will be no congregation for these masses. The Cathedral will remain open Monday - Saturday from 8.30am - 5pm for the foreseeable future. This may change at short notice.

Split the Pot.

Split the pot will continue. You can put your envelope in the black box at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

Norms during the Coronavirus.

All pastoral gatherings and meetings, on church property are now cancelled.

Weekly Envelopes

If you wish to donate via the weekly envelope system please continue to do so. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes available in the cathedral, please place these in the black box at the back of the church. We thank you for your continued support.

All Confirmations are postponed until further notice.

Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial. Attendance at Funeral services and Masses should be limited to close relatives and must not exceed 100 attendees within the Church building.

Similarly, Church weddings and baptisms may be celebrated on condition that the attendance in Church does not exceed 100 people.

In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Parishes should inform parishioners of the local possibilities to participate in Mass via local radio and on line. It may be possible for some parishes to facilitate attendance at Mass while still observing the health authority's limit of 100 people.

This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families -to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those in the frontlines – especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy – that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

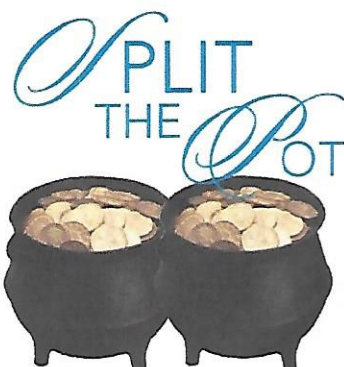
ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Pope Francis Reflection

Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street, when we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other: we think about when it will be all a memory but will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together: Strength and Courage. "#Papafrancesco.

Radio Maria

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



The winner of the last draw is

Gillian O'Carroll