



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Sunday 16th August 2020

Parish Newsletter

Reflection

Fighting for her child

She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the minister for health or children over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting them off the hook. Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner, like an asylum seeker or a refugee. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help. Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further – he cured her child and praised her faith. She is another of the unnamed ones of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary – she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith. Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.

Remember your feeling of gratitude for the children of your family.

Lord, I believe.

Strengthen my faith.



Mass Schedule

Church opens **Monday – Saturday at 9.30am**

Monday to Friday 10am and 5.45pm.

Saturday 10am and 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8am, 10.30am, 12noon and 7pm.

Cathedral will close Monday to Saturday at 4pm for cleaning and re-open at 5.30pm.

Confessions will resume after 10am Mass on Saturday.

With the New Covid-19 adjustments to our numbers, we would appreciate your continued co-operation with the restrictions on

attendance. Due to Covid -19 restrictions there will be no basket collection during any mass, instead the basket will be at the door as you leave. You may place your contribution and weekly envelopes in it.

Thank you for your support and generosity



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

Split the Pot

Congratulations to Brendan O'Sullivan, winner of last weekend's draw (Sunday Aug 9th). Draw envelopes can be dropped into Kieran on Saturday at the Sacristy.





St Anthony

St Anthony's Novena prayers will continue each Tuesday after the 10am and 5.45pm. Mass with a special blessing of the relic.

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

Lighting of Candles

Due to restrictions in lighting of candles-candles will be placed in the shrine-leave offering as usual and then take timber taper to light your candle-when finished leave taper in used sand box near the shrine.



Baptisms in the Cathedral

Baptisms will take place on weekdays, Monday to Friday after the 5.45pm Mass at 6.15pm. One Baptism will take place each day with a maximum of 20 people allowed to attend. There are no weekend Baptism's for the foreseeable future. Should you wish to book your baby's Baptism please contact the parish office on 061 414624 between 9.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday.



Meals on Wheels

Pennywell Day Centre is offering a hot main course for €3, Monday to Friday. Meals can be collected or if needed will be delivered within the local area. Orders can be placed with Geraldine on 061 414150 any morning before 10am.

Mass Online

Masses can be viewed online through our webcam on www.limerickcathedral.com and click on livestream.

Radio Maria

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact 061 311222 or email aalimerick@gmail.com

Online Donations

You may make a donation through our website www.limerickcathedral.com

Bereavement Support Service

A new national Freephone Bereavement Support line has been launched by the Irish Hospice Foundation. The Freephone service, 1800 80 70 77 is available Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm. The support line aims to provide a confidential space for people to speak about their experience or ask questions relating to bereavement.

Anniversary Masses

Anniversary Masses can be arranged by calling Kieran (Parish Sacristan) on 061 414624.

HSE

HSE is offering a Stress Control Programme ! For more information see stresscontrol.ie