



**Sunday 25th April 2021**

**Parish Newsletter**

## ***Reflection:***

**Earth Day**, celebrated annually on 22 April to demonstrate support for environmental protection and to promote positive action in care for our common home. This year's theme is "**Restore Our Earth.**"



In a message for the Day Pope Francis said: For some time now, we have been becoming more aware that nature deserves to be protected, even if only because human interaction with God's biodiversity must take care with utmost care and respect."

As the world continues to take measures to combat the Covid-19 pandemic, Pope Francis highlighted that the crisis has shown us "what happens when the world stops, pauses, even for a few months."

He noted the pandemic's impact on nature and on climate change, which shows us all that global nature needs our lives on this planet.

"It affects us all, albeit in multiple, diverse and unequivocal forms; and so it teaches us even more about what we need to do to create a just, equitable, environmentally safe planet," the Holy Father pointed out.

Furthermore, "the Covid-19 pandemic taught us this interdependence, this sharing of the planet," Pope

Francis said, adding that both global catastrophes - Covid-19 and the climate emergency - show us that we are running out of time.

"We have the means, it is time to act, we are at the limit," he urged.

Pope Francis illustrated the importance of taking action to protect the planet by recalling an old Spanish saying: "God always forgives, men forgive from time to time, nature no longer forgives."

He added that the challenges we are experiencing with the pandemic, which are also manifesting in climate change, must drive us toward innovation and invention and to seek new paths.

In this regard, "we will be more resilient when we work together instead of alone," Pope Francis affirmed, adding that there is still time to act even though it is difficult to stop the destruction of nature when it has been triggered.

"We do not come out of a crisis in the same way, we come out better or worse. This is the challenge, and if we do not come out better, we are on a path of self-destruction."

Concluding his message, Pope Francis called on world leaders to act with courage and justice and to always tell the truth to the people, so that they may know how to protect themselves and the planet from the destruction that we cause.

## ***Mass Times from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May***

**All masses continue to be celebrated behind closed doors (no congregation)**

**Please join us online at [www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com](http://www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com)**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Mass 10am & 5.45pm

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Mass 10am & 6pm (Vigil), **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - Mass 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon & 7pm.

St Anthony's Novena takes place every Tuesday at 10am & 5.45pm with a special blessing Of the Relic at the end of Mass.



## ***Weekly Envelope***

Weekly Envelopes can be given to Kieran during Church opening times or by calling to the Sacristy at the back of the church. You can also donate on line through our website [www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com](http://www.stjohnscathedrallimerick.com) *We thank you for your continued support.*



The Priest of the parish extend their sympathies to the families and friends of the recently deceased.

### ***Split the Pot***

The winner of last weekend's draw (Sunday 18th April) was Mary McNamara. "Split the Pot" Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be dropped off to Kieran at the Sacristy or can be placed in the black box at the rear of the Cathedral.



## HSE our **health** service

### ***Getting your COVID-19 vaccine***

If you are aged 60 to 69 you can now [register to get a COVID-19 vaccine](#)

You can register by phone Locall **1850 24 1850** or online at [HSE Covid-19 Registration](#)

### ***Pennywell Day Care Centre***



The day centre is currently closed, however they are providing *meals on wheels* the following days Monday, Wednesday and Friday from the centre, and these can be collected or delivered. Contact the centre at 061 414150 to get the menu and place an order.

