

Sunday 14th August 2022

Parish Newsletter

Reflection: The call of Jesus requires that we make some response, we can't ignore the call.

We have to make a decision whether to follow Jesus or not. If we decide to follow Jesus, then our lives will be changed. He clearly spells out the cost of his good news and the cost of being his disciple. His coming brings 'fire.' His own 'baptism' causes him pain. His preaching and radical message causes division even within the same family. When Jesus speaks he doesn't soften his message. Instead, he clearly spells out the cost of living his good news.

Some people will accept his message, others will not. His spoken words and actions put before us the choice we are asked to make if we are to faithfully follow him. In the scriptures we read that God is *'making all things new.'* Through Jesus all things are made new, especially each of us.

The choice to embrace and welcome this new life is ours. If we say 'yes' to follow Jesus, then we are also called to be made new and transformed. It is through the Spirit of God that we are encouraged and made new. The Spirit of God is powerful and lifegiving. Archbishop Oscar Romero reminds of this with these words, '*The bible has a*



very meaningful expression; the Spirit makes all things new. We are the ones who grow old, and we want everything made to our own pattern. The Spirit is never old; the Spirit is always young.'

We are a missionary church not a static church. May each of us have the courage to open ourselves to the life changing

Palliative Care Week will take place from Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th September 2022.

Palliative Care Week aims to raise awareness of the difference palliative care can make to people with life-limiting conditions, careers and families throughout Ireland. Working with partners and colleagues across the palliative care sector and with other organisations and individuals interested in health and well being, All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIIHPC) has facilitated an annual Palliative Care Week since 2014.

Why Palliative Care Week ?

Misunderstanding about palliative care persists, meaning some people who could benefit are less willing to seek it, potentially missing out on improved quality of life. It comes under the broad understanding of public health approaches to palliative care. It is in line with key palliative care policies across the island of Ireland. If you would like to get involved in Palliative Care Week 2022, please contact *Yvonne McCahill at AIIHPC on ymccahill@aiihpc.org*

Mass at Cratloe Grotto

On the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, Monday 15th August at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

National Heritage Week 2022 is all about engaging with heritage to create a more resilient world, in particular exploring sustainability and biodiversity.

Monday 15th August @ 2.30pm - 4pm — Heritage Week at **Limerick Museum**: The Legacy of Amy Whitelegge - Lace Designer, Lacemaker & Teacher. Addmission Free.

Monday 15th August @ 6pm - 7.15pm **People's Museum of Limerick**: Women's Intuition - A History of Limerick's Female Entrepreneurs . Adv

Admission Free.

Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th August @ 11am The Hunt Museum: Living Archaeology in the Garden. Admission Free

Diocese of Limerick - Vacancy for Youth Ministry Coordinator

(Three-year fixed-term fulltime contract)

The Diocese is now recruiting a Youth Ministry Coordinator. An **Application Pack with Job Description** (PDF) and **Application Form** (Word) are available on www.limerickdiocese.org/news/vacancy-for-youth-ministry-coordinator/. CVs will not be accepted.



National Novena at Knock Shrine

'A Journey in Hope' The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from **Sunday 14th – Monday 22nd August,** offering nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to connect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine.

This year's theme is 'A Journey in Hope'.

Following a two-year break due to the pandemic, Fr Richard Gibbons hopes to make this year extra special for all who will be travelling to the Shrine to take part.

"The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady. . " Ceremonies will take place at Knock Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the course of the nine days with guest speakers present during each ceremony. There will also be the special candlelight procession, a traditional feature of the Novena at Knock, which takes place following the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting).

Saints of the Week

Mon 15/8 - The Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tue 16/8 - St Stephen / Wed 17/8—Our Lady of Knock

Fri - 19/8—St John / Sat 18/8—St Bernard

Mass Schedule:

Mon -Fri 10am & 5.45pm, Saturday 10am & 6pm (vigil), Sunday 8am, 10.30am & 12noon.

Confessions - Saturdays after 10am Mass.

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