

**Sunday 20th September 2020**

**Parish Newsletter**

### **Reflection**

*By making the journey from "God as hired" to "God as friend" or "God as lover" we discover the wonder of love, human and divine.*

Today's parable is a living lesson on both the value and the limitations of learning deep truths through images. It starts by inviting us to look on ourselves as workers hired to work in a vineyard. The image is valid. It is a touching way of understanding our vocation as parent, teacher, friend, spiritual guide or member of a community. They are all forms of service, and toilsome ones at that, "in a heavy day's work in all the heat." Similarly, the staggered hiring in verses 2 to 5 are a powerful symbol of how the same vocation turns out differently for different people. With verses 8 to 15 the story takes a radically new turn. It tells us, no! we are not the landowner's hired servants but his friends, free people, not "hired" by anyone, not even by God. Look on God as a "hirer of servants" and we misunderstand him completely. So too the rewards we receive for our service are not "earnings" but gifts we receive with humble gratitude.



### **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 Mon to Sat at 4pm for cleaning, re-open at 5.30pm.

**Confessions** - after 10am Mass on Saturday. 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 continued generosity.



### **Season of Creation**

Once every year, from September 1 to October 4, we as members of the Christian family set aside time to deepen our relationship with the Creator, each other, and all of creation. This is the Season of Creation. During the Season of Creation, we join together to rejoice in the good gift of creation and reflect on how we care for it. This season offers a precious opportunity to pause in the midst of our day-to-day lives and contemplate the fabric of life into which we are woven. *As part of the Season of Creation this year, we are sharing with you a video of the Story of Creation, as told by Sharon, who is a Godly Play Storyteller, as well as a Trócaire volunteer.*

Please see our website for more information! [www.godlyplayfoundation.org](http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org) or if you are interested in becoming part of the Godly Play Limerick Diocesan family, get in touch with [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com).

### **Trócaire**

The theme for our Season of Creation this year is Cultivating Hope. We celebrate this season, in the awareness that we are in the midst of an international health crisis. The environmental crisis and this health crisis are interconnected. Both are global emergencies that are affecting many people. Pope Francis's ground-breaking encyclical *Laudato Si'* reminds us of our duty to care for Our Common Home and for the people and nature around us. We have all come from some kind of home and are held within the relationships of that experience. So too, we are also held within a relationship with the natural world and all of God's creation. Our connection with each other and with our common home is more important than ever. -

What we do locally can have global effects, the more we keep our locality clean, the cleaner our world will be. We all share much in common with the families and communities which Trócaire works with overseas. To find out more about Trócaire's work, go to [www.trócaire.org](http://www.trócaire.org)



### **Split the Pot**

Congratulations to Rita Lynch, winner of last weekend's draw ( Sunday Sept 13th). Draw envelopes can be dropped into Kieran on Saturday at the Sacristy.

### **St Anthony**

St Anthony's Novena - Novena prayers takes place 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.



### **Meals on Wheels**

Pennywell Day Centre is offering a home cooked meal for €3, seven days a week. 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.

### **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.





**Beginner to Winner**  
**@Garryowen Sports Hub Social Walking Group**  
**When:** Wednesday 16/09/2020 @11am & Thursday 17/09/2020 @6pm  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** Various Locations close to Garryowen  
**Email:** [Sportshub@garryowencdp.com](mailto:Sportshub@garryowencdp.com)  
**Mobile:** 0896129319



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### **Mass Online**

Masses can be viewed online through our webcam on [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com) and click on livestream.

Church Leaders are recommending the use of face coverings at all Masses, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing.

### **Online Donations**

You may make a donation through our website [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com)



### **Baptisms in the Cathedral**

Baptisms will take place on weekdays, Monday to Friday after the 5.45pm Mass at 6.15pm and on Saturday at 4.30pm. One Baptism will take place each day with a maximum of 20 people allowed to attend. 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.

### **Anniversary Masses**

Anniversary Masses can be arranged by calling Kieran (Parish Sacristan) on 061 414624. These can be attended by the family on the day.