

Sunday 18th September 2022

Season of Creation

Parish Newsletter

Dear Parishioners & Friend's,

I view this time as a milestone on this journey of faith that is priesthood. As I reflect on my ministry, to you, the parishioners and those who choose St John's as their place of worship, either physically or online, I have a great sense of having been home among my own people. I have this sense of being valued, supported and affirmed in this vocation I have been called to. The last few weeks have had a mixture of emotions, the sadness of a farewell offset by good wishes, expressions of thanks, words of affirmation and so many happy memories. I thank God that he brought us together, you have brought many blessings into my life and I have drawn strength from your prayerful support. A special word to the staff and the volunteers who have become a circle of friendship over these years, your example of freely given and joyful service to St John's is inspirational.

To Fr Frank and Fr Leo, thank you for your fraternal care and friendship in this ministry we shared together. You will always be in my prayers and we will meet each other often in the years ahead.

Thank you for the cards, letters, generous gifts, your good wishes and most of all your prayers. there will always be a place in my heart for St John's and John's people.

I wish Cannon Gerard well and happily entrust him into your care.

With heartfelt blessings, Noel

Autumn dues collection: will take place next weekend 24th & 25th Sept at all masses. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. We greatly appreciate your continued support.





We invite you to join us on Friday 23rd September at 6.30pm to 7pm to celebrate Culture Night here in the Cathedral. There will be a brief history of the Cathedral which will be followed by a short talk on the stained glass windows.

Limerick Historical Society

Our next evening walk is next **Wednesday September 21st**. Meet outside Franciscan church, Henry Street at 7 p.m. We will walk via Poor Man's Kilkee, Limerick Boat Club, the Memorial on Sarsfield Bridge and Shannon Rowing Club. We will have invited guests to speak at both clubs.



DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: SUNDAY 9TH OCT

Buses will leave from St Saviour's Dominican Church. Tickets available from the sacristy after 1pm Mass each day. €20 per ticket incl. tea & scone.

TRIDUUM IN HONOUR OF PADRE PIO 21-23 SEPT at St Saviour's Dominican Church

1pm Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions, Blessing with Relic, Prayer Ministry each day. Preachers: Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Limerick

FAITH FORMATION AT ST SAVIOUR'S DOMINICAN CHURCH

Register now for Children's Catechesis, Corda Teen Girls Group, Adult Bible Study, Lectio Divina, Dominican Laity, Online Catechism Group.

Contact limerick@op-tn.org for more details or to register



Are You Listening?

As you may be aware already, we find ourselves within the Season of Creation which began on Thursday 1st September and will run through to the feast of St Francis on the 4th of October.

The Season of Creation is an opportune time for us all to slow down and to listen to sounds of creation and thank God for the beauty that surrounds us and so we have included a reflection with which we invite you to spend time with. May it encourage us to begin to truly listen to all of creation, God's gift to us.

Listening to the Voice of Creation in Autumn

Autumn is slipping through summer's branches and I am listening. I am listening to the trees taking off their lush green garments. I am listening to the leaves turning. I am listening to the burning bush of autumn. I am listening to the wisdom of the season, to the losses and the grieving, to the letting go. I am listening to the surrender of autumn. I am listening to days growing shorter, to the air turning crisp and cool, to the slow waning of the light. I am listening to harvest cries, to hearts overflowing with thanksgiving for the gifts of the earth. I am listening to the bountiful gift of autumn. I am listening to a call for inner growth, To my need to let go of material possessions, to my need to reach out for invisible gifts. I am listening to a call for transformation. I am listening for the death of old ways, I am listening to the life force turning inward. I am listening to the renewal of the earth. I am listening to summer Handing over to autumn. I am listening.

Recent Baptisms :We welcome to God's Family thefollowing children who were baptised here in theCathedral.Antoinette O'ReillyAva O'Carroll & Sadie O'Connor

We offer our sympathies to the families and loved ones of the recently deceased. *Patricia Foley RIP*

Pennywell Day Care Centre.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30am to 3.30pm. Our Day Care Centre provides a warm, welcoming and safe environment to people over sixty years old delivering person centred support and stimulation and an opportunity to meet other people. We also provide meals. If interested contact Geraldine at 061 414150.

Split the Pot : Congratulations to *Rosemary Cusack* winner of last weekend's draw 11/9/22.



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