

Church Notices

Dear Parishioners,
if you have a family member or know of any parishioner who is sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact parish office at 414624. Fr Gerard.

Please be mindful of your belongings during Mass and when visiting the Cathedral.



Clulture Night 2024

takes place Friday 20th September at 6.30pm here in St John's Cathedral. It promises to be an enjoyable event -

6.30pm—Brief history of The Cathedral with George Lee
7.30pm—Organ Recital.

We look forward to seeing you on the night!

Eucharistic Adoration

Takes place each Friday from 4pm to 5.30pm in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome.



The Cathedral Choir

will resume singing at 12 o' clock mass on Sundays from 15th September onwards. The choir sing in four parts, Soprano Alto Tenor and Bass, and while it is easier if you can read music it is not necessary, as learning aids are used. If you can sing in tune and are willing to make the commitment please ring 414624 to arrange an audition.



We Can Quit is a free stop smoking programme, offering group support, one to one support and stop smoking medication.

Register for a course in your area.

St. John the Baptist Boys' National School, Pennywell, Garryowen, Limerick, V94 FA44

Each Tuesday from 24th of September 2024 at 6.00pm - 8.00pm



Have you tried to quit before?

Do you want support to quit?

We Can QUIT

Make this stop your last stop

10 Week Programme

Free Stop Smoking Medication such as gums and patches

To find out more contact Mariola on 061-419388, 087-4952484 or email: mjurgas@paulpartnership.ie

Split the Pot



Congratulations **Gaye Cantillon**
Winner of last weekends Draw 1st Sept 2024

Envelopes available at the back of the church.

Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett
Fr Leo McDonnell
Canon John Daly
Fr Peter Claver Emeke Eze

Parish Office

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Mass Times

Mon—Fri 10am, 5.45pm
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Holy Days

Vigil Weekdays 5.45pm
Weekdays 10am, 5.45pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms

Saturday 4.30pm
To book a baptism .
Parish Office tel 414624



Newly Baptised:

We welcome to the Christian Community

Tadhg Butler
Rheyna Kennedy McInerney
Olivia Hanley

We wish them and their familie's every blessing and happiness.

The Ghost in the Tower

When a gale blows across the roof of St John's especially in the middle of the winter the noise in the cathedral can be quite loud and sometimes the timbers in the roof, a full 80 feet above the pews start to creak and moan and though you have the reassurance that the building has stood for 160 or so years there is still a part of you that does wonder where the nearest door is in the event of needing a speedy evacuation.

It was on a night like this in the early 1980's that an event occurred that scared me as a teenager. A friend and I had volunteered to serve as Altar boys at 5.45pm Mass on what was a windy and wet weeknight.

There were the usual faithful gathered in the church and the Mass was celebrated by Fr Jim Ambrose. During the Mass it was customary for the Altar boys to sit and kneel on the steps in front of the Ambo and Lectern and this night was no exception.

All went well until during the readings and Gospel my friend and I both noticed a form of light flickering over and back across the windows located above the western door (the ones above the Tower entrance).

The lights appeared to have a human shape and came and went intermittently.

As children with an active imagination this vision absolutely frightened the daylights out of both of us and I needn't tell you that we were most anxious for Mass to finish. When finally, it did and we returned to the sacristy we were visibly shaking having seen what we believed was a ghost of some kind in the Tower. We recounted our story to the Sacristan and to Fr Ambrose and while they were mildly sceptical, they also could see that there was certainly something that had shaken us.

The keys to the Tower were found and all four of us made our way through the church to the entrance door. The layout of the Tower is such that you need to climb a short stone staircase to get to the entrance to the spiral staircase on the first floor. There are doors in this room which allow access to the roof also and on a dark winter's night with a wind howling and an already heightened expectation that there was a ghost roaming the room, it was not some place that we necessarily wanted to be in. But at that point it was too late to back down and we went into the murky darkness of the room with the only light coming from the lights of the Cathedral below. We walked around the room and just when we were beginning to doubt what we saw and felt silly there was a bang of metal on metal which nearly caused me to jump the height of the tower. It turned out that the catch of one of the windows had worked loose and it was opening slightly in the wind. The windows are individual pieces of glass held in by lead diamonds and each one is at a slightly different angle. It turned out that as the window opened and closed it was catching the reflection of one of the hanging lights in the Cathedral and giving the effect of a flashing light.

We secured the window as quickly as possible and got back to the safety of the sacristy having slayed the "ghost of the tower."

George Lee