

Sunday 1st December 2019

Parish Newsletter

Advent Prayers

Advent begins this weekend. Each Friday in Advent at 5.15pm there will be a short Advent prayer service, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

The First Annual Collection for the Care of Sick and Retired Priests.

The first Annual Collection for the care of sick and retired priests will take place at all masses across the Diocese this weekend. The retirement age for Parish Priests of this diocese is 75 years. Thankfully, many priests continue to offer support in ministry beyond this, resulting in many of them giving well over 50 years service to us. The age profile of priests means that a commercial pension plan is not possible, so the Diocese had to provide for retired priests. Funds to do this are raised in three ways: Money has been invested so the interest could be used. Unfortunately, the return on this investment has declined seriously over the past few years and looks likely to remain low for the foreseeable future. : Parishes contribute from parish collections. : Priests in active ministry under 75 give an annual contribution from their stipend.



The Giving Tree- Be a Secret Santa with the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul provides help to thousands of families at Christmas, which include gift vouchers, toys for small children, gifts for young people as well as gifts for older adults. Choose a tag from the tree and bring back an unwrapped gift to the Cathedral, these gifts will be delivered to SVP and then they will be distributed by a network of local SVP volunteers. This will be our second year here at St Johns Cathedral supporting SVP with many of you giving generously to such a worthy cause. This years Giving Tree will be in place from Monday 1st December until Sunday 15th December. Contact Kieran in St Johns Cathedral for more information.

Eucharist Ministers Meeting

There will be a meeting of Eucharist Ministers on Friday 13th December at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Scripture Sharing

Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Presbytery. This is an open invitation, Come and see. The Gospel for the coming Sunday is read as we actively listen for words or phrases that resonate with us. After a time of reflection, we listen to what each has to share. We then deepen our listening with a teaching on the passage to deepen our reflection and open up further sharing followed by prayer inspired by the experience of the evening. It's a very gentle process and people are free to share or just sit in silence as they please.

Limerick Historical Society Lecture

Limerick Historical Society will hold its next lecture on Monday December 9th next at 8 p.m. The lecture will be given George Stacpoole, antiques dealer from Adare. He will talk about his life and the history of the Stacpoole family, which originated at Edenvale, Ennis, County Clare. Lecture in Room T17, Tara Building, Mary Immaculate College. All are welcome.

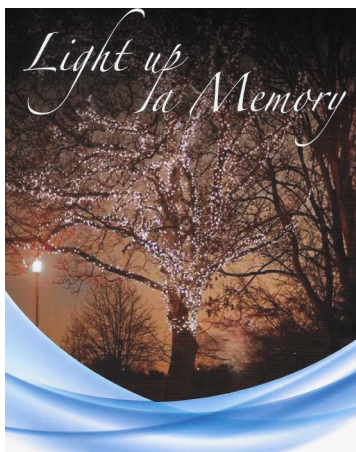
Parish Office

St John's Parish Office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm. Contact number is 061 414624.



The winner of the last draw is

Eamon McCarthy.



Light up a Memory Tree

Remember your loved one this Christmas by sponsoring a light on the Milford Care Centre Light Up a Memory Tree. Each light costs €5 and will shine throughout the festive season. You may record a memory of your loves one in our online Book of Treasured Memories and receive a printed card by post. The official ceremony to mark the illumination of the tree will take place at 6pm Sunday 8th December on the grounds of Milford Care Centre. Information on Light up a Memory order form cards www.milfordcarecentre.ie email fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie. Phone 061 485800

Holy Land Pilgrimage

11 Day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land Feb 12th to Feb 22nd 2020 cost €1,475.00 deposit €450.00 Spiritual Director Canon Paddy McGinn. For any details contact

Brenda Murray -Flynn on 041 6863390 or brenda.murray-flynn@travelcounsellors.com Philip on 087 250 8043 or pmcardle006@gmail.com

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Baptisms in the Cathedral

We extend our congratulations to the family and friends of Baby Gabrielle on her recent baptism in the Cathedral.

Novena to St. Anthony

Every Tuesday at the 10am and 5.45pm Mass.

Diocesan Needs Collection

The Diocesan needs collection will take place next weekend 7th and 8th December. We thank you for your continued support.

Sympathies

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Michele Sanzo Rip. Claire Parks (nee Caulfield) Rip.

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 30th | 6pm Noel Keehan, Rose Manley, Claire & Vincent Madden, Ita & Patrick Fitzgerald, Gerry Lawlor, Geraldine Fleming, Rachel Hackett, Donal Frawley– Month's Mind. |
| Sunday 1st | 8am Josephine Griffin. 10.30am Peggy & Michael O'Brien, Pat Quane, Christy Lillis, John Quinlivan (Senior). 12 George Carroll, John Morris, Gloria Barry, Jim Culhane, Angela & Tony Markham, Pat & Rita Reidy. Eve & Jimmy Connery. 7pm Eileen Conway, Teresa & Sean Ryan. |
| Monday 2nd | 10am Sean, Paddy, May & Martin O'Brien. 5.45pm Seamus Constable, Austin Constable. |
| Tuesday 3rd | 10am Foncie Moloney (Av). 5.45pm Deceased Members of An Post. |
| Wednesday 4th | 10am Sammy & Kathleen Greenwood. 5.45pm Ursula & Tim Moran. |
| Thursday 5th | 10am Nancy McNerney. 5.45pm Ned Madigan. |
| Friday 6th | 10am Timmy & Babie Costelloe, William & Christina O'Callanen. 5.45pm Teresa Murphy. |
| Saturday 7th | 6pm Eddie McManus (1st Av), Nuala O'Loughlin, Jack Meagher, Billy & Margaret Reeves, Gerry Kiley, Paddy Ryan & Rose Clancy, Ger O'Shea - Birth Rem, Mary Hegarty, Joe Kelly. |
| Sunday 8th | 8am Christy Griffin. 10.30am Mary Ryan nee Troy, Margaret McMahon (1st Av), Mary & Christopher Downes, Nancy McNerney. 12noon Peggy Reeves, Jack Fitzgerald, Patrick & Christy Lillis, Eva & Jimmy Connery, Alphonsus Heffernan, Patrick & Mary Hickey, Mary & Sonny Sheehan. 7pm John & Dominic McNamara, Jeffrey Scanlan, Matty & John Waters. |