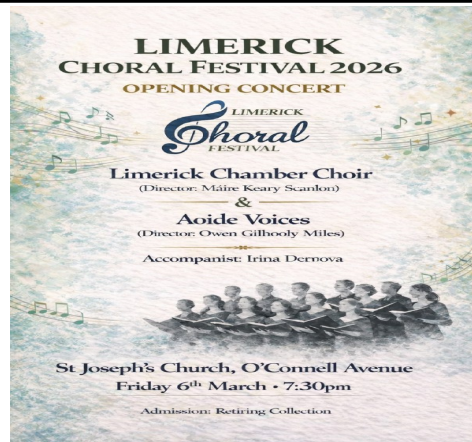


Dear Parishioners you are invited to a **Parish Consultation at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4th March in St. John's Girls and Infant Boys School.** This gathering is part of a Diocese-wide process initiated by Bishop Leahy to consider how best parishes can be arranged in the future. While acknowledging what is positive in each parish, the aim of these meetings is to look ahead to the next ten years and see what steps need to be taken in terms of resourcing both the pastoral and practical aspects to do with the many hidden tasks of parish administration and sustainability - financial arrangements, safeguarding, data-protection, maintenance of buildings and modern IT requirements. The parish consultations will be guided by facilitators. While no decisions will be taken on the night, the feed-back will be extremely important in shaping the future of the diocese. The parish gathering is an opportunity to hear the voice of each parishioner. ***It is hoped that as many as possible can come.***

"The Best is yet to come because?"

Exploring together how we can be missionaries of God to ourselves and to those who touch our lives. **Each Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 8.30 during Lent**, six sessions of exploration of our Catholic faith will be led by Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. in **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall.**

The sessions will begin on Tues Feb 24th. and end on Tues Mar 31st.



CHRISM MASS CHOIR 2026

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 7:30pm ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

THE MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DIOCESAN CHOIR AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN Choir rehearsals in Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's College, Corbally, Lim V94 925C on the following dates, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm:

Monday 23rd February, Monday 9th March, Monday 23rd March
Please bring the following books: 1. IN CAELO, 2. VERITAS HYMNAL, 3. SING THE MASS

The music programme will be available at the first rehearsal and will be chosen from these books. We cannot provide photocopies of choral music as there is no licence available which legally permits it. We may also use some parts of the Limerick Mass of St Ita, which we will supply if required, as it is copyright free, courtesy of the composer Fr. Columba McCann OSB. Looking forward to meeting you all

Bernadette Kiely & Pádraig Wallace, Co-directors Limerick Diocesan Choir

Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett
Fr Daniel Tomasik
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze
Fr Krzysztof Tyburowski
In residence Canon John Daly

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday's 4pm—5.30pm in the
Adoration Chapel.

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

Confessions
Saturday 10.30am
Baptisms
Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Christian
Community
Lea Vranjkovic
We wish Lea and her
family every blessing.

Recently Deceased
We remember in our prayers
today
Mark Kirwan RIP
Martin Garvey RIP
May they rest in eternal
peace.

Cathedral Shop
Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.
Sympathy cards, 1st holy
communion and confirmation
cards & other religious goods
available to buy.

Split the Pot Draw
Congratulations to
Deirdre O'Keefe
winner of last weekends draw.
Draw Envelopes available at
the back of the church.
All proceeds go toward the
maintenance of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your continued
support.

Reflection: The number forty is mentioned over 150 times in Scripture. In many instances it symbolizes a period of testing or trial.

For example:

In the story of Noah and his Ark, we are told that God flooded the earth by having it rain for forty days and forty nights.

Moses led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt and they wandered in the wilderness for forty years before being allowed to possess the Promised Land. Moses was on Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights receiving God's laws.

For forty days, the prophet Jonah warned the people of Nineveh, that because of their many sins destruction would come unless they repented.

What all of these have in common is that they speak of sin and failure in humanity's relationship with God.

The remedy for human sin and infidelity to God; the remedy for the fall, comes in the person of Jesus. And before he embarked on his ministry he was drawn by the Spirit into the wilderness where he spent forty days and forty nights during which he was tempted by Satan. However, unlike Adam and so many others in the stories in the scriptures, he did not succumb. Then he went to Galilee where he announced: the time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.

The same admonition it repeated to us and especially at the beginning of the season of Lent each year.

Lent is a golden opportunity given to us to recognize what is sinful and disordered in our lives and to repent and to reorientate ourselves and draw close to God again.

The second preface of the Mass for Lent puts it very well. Addressing the Father it says: "For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure."

The people of God, in captivity in Egypt called upon him and, as recounted for us by Moses, "The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery" and he liberated his people. May he hear our voices and liberate us from all that enslaves us and keeps us from being his true disciples.

Lord, may we have a dedicated and fruitful Lent.

Pro Life Campaign invites you to their upcoming regional conference in Galway on Saturday 28th March from 10am to 1pm at the Clybaun Hotel, Knocknacarra, Galway. Come along for talks from expert speakers and practical guidance on supporting women in unplanned pregnancy. For more info or to register www.prolifecampaign.ie

Diocesan needs collection will take place next Sunday 1st March.