



Sunday 26th April 2020

Parish Newsletter

Mass times from Monday 27th April to Sunday 3rd May

Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the Cathedral will remain closed.

We will continue to celebrate Mass behind closed doors (no congregation).

Monday - Friday 5.45pm, Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6pm, Sunday 10.30am and 12 noon.

Please join us through our webcam. www.limerickcathedral.com

Online Donations

Today we have launched a **Donation Page** on our Web Site www.limerickcathedral.com

Parishioners and friends of St John's have been asking how they might continue to support the Cathedral in these times.

Having discussed this with our web designer, this donation page was suggested. It is simple and straight forward to use.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have dropped in donations and weekly envelopes at the presbytery and **also those who have contacted us on E-Mail and text with kind and encouraging words**. We assure you all of our continued prayers for you and your families in these extraordinary times.

Fr Noel

All Baptisms and Weddings are postponed until further notice.

Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the recently deceased in the Parish.

Funerals at a time of Covid-19

As a Parish and a Diocese, we are so sorry for your loss. To lose the people that we love is always difficult and lonely. Losing the people that we love during this pandemic makes our grief all the harder and more complicated. The normal rituals and support systems of family, neighbours and friends that usually sustain, hold and heal us at times like this are no longer freely available. Due to government restrictions, funerals must now either go straight to the graveyard or the Church. Gathering people in confined spaces for vigil prayers or rosaries is not possible. The Government have stipulated that only 10 people can attend the funeral Mass (if a Mass is possible). This is incredibly sad as families and friends must make awful decisions and inevitably dear family and friends end up not being able to attend the funeral Mass of the one they love. Restrictions for families become even more difficult if a family member dies of Covid-19 as family members may be in 'isolation' themselves. With all this sadness in mind there are a few important suggestions that may help you find ways to give expression to your grief and hopefully find healing and comfort. This information can be viewed here on our website.

www.limerickcathedral.com



IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO AN EXPERIENCED **COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELLOR** DURING THIS TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED STRESS AND PRESSURE ON FAMILY LIFE...

Contact: **01 531 3331**, 9.00 am - 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday **All calls charged at local rate.**

The Community Call

For Daily Updates Visit www.gov.ie/communitycall www.hse.ie

Limerick City and County 1800 832 005 covidsupport@limerick.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional support for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance. The support line is open seven days a week, from 8am-8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**

County Clare Covid19 Community Response Helpline

This helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support, etc. to those who need it. **Tel: 1890 252943** Email: covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

Split the Pot

Split the Pot draw will continue. You can leave your envelope with Kieran on Saturdays at the door at the back of the church. The winner of last weekend's draw (Sunday 19th April) was Mary Sheehan. Thank you for your continued support.



Weekly Envelopes

If you wish to donate via the weekly envelope system, please continue to do so. The envelopes can be given to Kieran on Saturdays by calling to the back of the church. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Pennywell Daycare Centre

The daycare centre is closed, however they are providing meals on wheels on the following days Monday, Wednesday and Friday from the centre. These can be collected or delivered.

Main course €2.50. Contact the centre on 061 414150 to get the menu and place an order.

Radio Maria Daily Mass will be aired at 10am each day including Sunday. Saorview, Channel 210

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