

Sunday 23rd January 2022

Parish Newsletter

Reflection: Luke wants his readers to know, he wants us to know, that that same Spirit is given to us. In the Acts of the Apostles (also written by Luke) we see again and again the “power of the Spirit” in action. It is with the ‘power of the Spirit’ that the first followers of Jesus face persecution and death, it is with the power of the Spirit that they leave the security of Galilee to proclaim the Good News to the whole world, and it is through that Spirit that the Church is born and grows. We are witnesses to Jesus in our world. We are called to be signs of hope and joy and peace in the face of all that is thrown at us. The Good News we bring is incredible and, just like St. Paul in Athens, people will ridicule us and dismiss us. Our message is too good to be true, but it is true! God did come among us, he died for us, and he rose from the dead to remain with us forever. Our call as witnesses is not just to preach this message but to live it; to let that peace, which is beyond words, be visible in our lives, just as it was visible in Jesus’ life. “*He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.*” The truly Good News for us is that we are not called to do this alone. Just as Jesus had ‘the power of the Spirit within him’, just as the first apostles had the ‘power of the Spirit’ within them, we too have the ‘power of the Spirit’ within us.



Caretaker Required

Light maintenance, cleaning, upkeep of premises, preparing hall for classes and activities etc.
Opportunities for training and development
This is a CE or TUS position, candidates must be eligible

Ref: CES-2208112

Would suit someone with outgoing personality and interest in Community Work
Call John on **061 310690** or drop in to us in 23 John's Street (next to Donkey Ford's)



Trócaire's Christmas Gifts of Love

We would like to thank you all for your incredible support and the generous contribution made towards the life changing work of Trócaire all around the world. That support was evident over Christmas, when you supported our Christmas Appeal and Gifts of Love campaign by raising an incredible **€2960**.

Thank you all so much for showing that you care, this is something we will never take for granted.

*Sharon Collopy
St. John's Trócaire Representative*

Split the Pot :

Congratulations to **Mary Kirwan**, our winner of last weekends draw (16th Jan) Draw envelopes are available at the back of the church.



Church Notices:

We would ask all visitors to the Cathedral to be vigilant and keep personal items with you at all times.

Parish office tel 061 414624, Mon-Fri 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Weekly Envelope Boxes can be collected from Sacristy.

Baptisms can be booked through Parish Office at 414624 Or email, admin@stjohnscathedralimerick.com

Confessions at 10.30am on Saturdays.

St Anthony's Novena takes place each Tuesday at 10am & 5.45pm mass with a special blessing of the relic .

Saints of the Week:

Tue 25th Jan - The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Fri 28th Jan - St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church. Patron saint of schools, universities and students.



#pray4vocations
Prayer Challenge: only 5 minutes a day to pray for vocations.
Perhaps an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be

<https://vocations.ie/2022/01/12/pray4vocations/>

DAILY 4PM PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Will you take five minutes each day to pray
for vocations to the priesthood?



Pennywell Day Care Centre – is returning Monday 24th January.

If you are over 60 and would like an occasional change in surroundings, why not come and spend some time in a pleasant environment with interesting activities, a nice hot meal and good company.

The Centre is open — Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 3.00pm.

If you are interested phone Geraldine at **061 414150** for further details.

Recently Baptised

We welcome to the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Tadhg Hickey



Sympathy

The Priest of the Parish extend their sympathies to the families and loved ones of the recently deceased and whose funeral took place here in the Cathedral -

*Bill Harris R.I.P.,
Anthony McCormack R.I.P.*
