

**Sunday 4th September 2022**

**Season of Creation**

**Parish Newsletter**

**Reflection** *If anyone comes to me without hating their father and mother, wife, children, brothers and sister and even his own life. they cannot be my disciple!'*

Jesus tells that we have to work it out for ourselves to see if we have what it takes to live with demands of being his follower. This means that first we have to figure out what being a follower of Jesus will cost us, and then decide whether we have the energy and resources to meet that cost. The cost of being a disciple of Jesus? Everything we have and are! The reward of being a disciple? Everything God has and is! The danger is that if we are overly worried and concerned about the cost of following Jesus, we might never set out on this path in the first place. It will cost us much, everything in fact. But we have already started on this journey at our baptism. The reward is priceless; the fullness of life which begins here and now and which we will inherit fully in the life to come. We begin this journey of being the disciple of Jesus in faith, but not on our own. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells that we are given the gift of wisdom and the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us on our journey. The challenge, then, is not to look at the cost, but to keep our eyes on Jesus who is walking with us showing us the way. In faith and hope, then, let us take up our cross and follow where Jesus lead us.



**Mon -Fri 10am & 5.45pm, Saturday 10am & 6pm (vigil)**

**Sunday 8am, 10.30am & 12 noon.**

**Confessions - Saturdays after 10am Mass.**

**The Cathedral Shop is open daily from 10.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Saturday.**  
**There is a wide selection of Mass Cards available to buy , candles and other religious goods.**

**Pennywell Day Care Centre. WE ARE BACK!!! Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30am to 3.30pm.**

Our Day Care Centre provides a warm, welcoming and safe environment to people over sixty years old delivering person centred support and stimulation and an opportunity to meet other people. We also provide meals.

If interested please contact Geraldine at 061 414150.

We currently have vacancies on our Community Employment Project. Places are open to people from the age of 21 years up to 65 years old. Contact Parish Office at 061 414624.



**Recent Baptisms :**

*We welcome to God's Family the following children who were baptised here in the Cathedral.*

**Millie Mullowney, Fiadh O'Connell**  
**Willow Roche O'Connell & Ace Hajek.**



**St Johns Senior Choir return Sunday 18th September. New members are very welcome . If interested in joining please contact Kieran in the Sacristy.**



**Split the Pot**

Congratulations to **Suzanne & Barry** winner of last weekend's draw (28/8). Draw envelopes available at the back of the church. We thank you for your continued support. .



We offer our sympathies to the families and loved ones of the recently deceased.

**Gerry O'Riordan RIP**  
**And**  
**Vivian Burke RIP**

## ***Listening to the Voice of Creation in Autumn***



*Autumn is slipping through summer's branches and I am listening.*

*I am listening to the trees taking off their lush green garments.*

*I am listening to the leaves turning.*

*I am listening to the burning bush of autumn.*

*I am listening to the wisdom of the season, to the losses and the grieving, to the letting go.*

*I am listening to the surrender of autumn.*

*I am listening to days growing shorter, to the air turning crisp and cool, to the slow waning of the light.*

*I am listening to harvest cries, to hearts overflowing with thanksgiving for the gifts of the earth.*

*I am listening to the bountiful gift of autumn.*

*I am listening to a call for inner growth,*

*To my need to let go of material possessions,*

*to my need to reach out for invisible gifts.*

*I am listening to a call for transformation.*

*I am listening for the death of old ways,*

*I am listening to the life force turning inward.*

*I am listening to the renewal of the earth.*

*I am listening to summer*

*Handing over to autumn.*

*I am listening.*

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