

**Reflection:** Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals ten lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all ten. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places. Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All ten of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Consultation

Further to Bishop Leahy's letter to us last weekend, we will have a gathering of our parishioners in the very near future to discuss how best to proceed with practical arrangements for the future of our parishes. The Bishop has appointed facilitators to guide our discussions. We will announce the date and place of our gathering in the coming weeks and encourage as many as possible to attend. In the meantime, please reflect and formulate your ideas and decide what you would like to say. Also, please pray for the Lord's guidance on our deliberations.

First Anniversary Mass

Bishop Brendan Leahy invites you to attend the late Bishop Donal Murray's First Anniversary Mass on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5.45 pm in St. John's Cathedral. All welcome".

**Desert Day**  
Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30 am - 4.45 pm

*A Light for Every Soul*

Silent retreat with Eucharist & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Limerick Diocesan Centre  
St Munchin's, Corbally,  
Limerick V94 92SC

Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan  
RSM and Bernadette Murphy

Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/coffee/snacks provided

Donation: €20

Book your place by contacting Phyllis at 087-9636893 or email: Moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**  
PRIESTHOOD - MARRIAGE - RELIGIOUS LIFE

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL LIMERICK**

**7:00-8:00pm**

**17 September**

**15 October**

Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett  
Canon John Daly  
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze  
Fr Daniel Tomasik  
Fr Krzysztof Tyburpwski

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

Welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Danny Collins**  
**Rowan Dunne**  
**Theo O'Connor Duggan**

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers  
**Anthony Casey RIP**  
May he rest in eternal peace

Split the Pot

Congratulations to **Olivia Gavin** winner of last w/kends draw.

Cathedral Shop

Open Mon-Sat 10.30am-1pm.  
The shop stocks a range of Cards for all occasions, And "I Lit a Candle for You" Cards, candles, other items.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday's 4pm—5.30pm in the Adoration chapel

**THE SPIRITANS**  
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2 October 2025

V. Rev. Canon Gerard Garrett P.P.,  
St. John's Cathedral  
Limerick V94 H521

Dear Canon Garrett,

On behalf of all of us at the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Missionaries), I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you for the warm welcome and generous hospitality you showed to Fr. Michael Begley during his recent visit to St. John's Cathedral.

Fr. Michael was delighted to have the opportunity to speak at your weekend Masses and to share stories of the work we're privileged to do overseas. He returned with great appreciation for the kindness and engagement of your parishioners.

We are also most grateful for your support in facilitating the distribution of our donation envelopes. I'm pleased to let you know that to date, €2,601.77 has been received from your parish, and we are truly thankful for this generous response.

If you wouldn't mind reminding parishioners that we'd be very grateful for the return of any remaining envelopes, we'd greatly appreciate it. We'll be happy to arrange collection at a time that suits.

Please do extend our thanks once again to your parishioners for their generosity and the warmth with which they received Fr. Michael Begley.

With every good wish and renewed thanks.

Yours sincerely,

*David Conway*  
(Fr.) David Conway, C.S.Sp.  
Promotions Office.

Please make cheques or postal orders payable to: Holy Ghost Missions. Pay by Credit/Debit Card by calling us on: 01 406 3090. You can also pay online through <https://spiritans.ie/support-us>. Charity Number CHY 00076

**TEAM HOPE**  
Helping vulnerable children overseas

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

**About Team Hope**  
Team Hope is an Irish, Christian, International Development Charity working to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. Team Hope works to bring positive long term change through our annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal AND our Sustainable Development Projects.

To find out more and to make a donation please go to our website [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)

**GET STARTED**  
A Christmas Shoebox is a gift built by you and sent by Team Hope. Here's what you'll need to do to build your box at home or online.

**AT HOME**

- Wrap a regular shoebox in colourful paper
- Choose if your box is for a boy or a girl and the age group. Place the sticker on the top right corner of your wrapped box
- Fill your box with items from EACH of the 4 W's (examples below)
- Donate your €5.00\* online at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie) or use the envelope in this leaflet
- Close your box with an elastic band (please don't seal)
- Drop your box into a drop off point (not full online)

**ONLINE**

- No time to shop? You can still send a gift! You can build your box or boxes online at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)
- For every €25\*\* our in-country partners will prepare your Christmas Shoebox
- You have the option to use the fun box builder to select your 4 W's!
- Together with our partners we ensure these gifts are suitable and culturally appropriate

\*The €5 donation goes towards the cost of making the whole project happen, including promotion, transport and delivering of your box to each child. Donations of €25 per online box cover these costs as well as the purchase of shoebox contents based on the 4W's. If there are any surplus funds, they are used for ongoing development work with children, their families and communities. If your shoebox is very large we may (at our discretion) have to donate it.

**Choose some items from each of the 4 W's...**

<b>WRITE</b>	<b>WEAR</b>	<b>WOW</b>	<b>WASH</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pens/Pencils</li> <li>Crayons</li> <li>Paper/Copy books</li> <li>Colouring books</li> <li>Markers</li> <li>Sharpener</li> <li>Erasers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Socks</li> <li>Underwear</li> <li>Filtpops</li> <li>Hat</li> <li>Scarf</li> <li>Gloves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuddly toy</li> <li>Skipping rope/Yo-yo</li> <li>Sweets (in date until April next year)</li> <li>Musical instrument</li> <li>Sunglasses</li> <li>Toy car</li> <li>Ball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bar of soap (wrapped)</li> <li>Hairbrush</li> <li>Comb</li> <li>Toothbrush</li> <li>Toothpaste</li> <li>Facetoth</li> </ul>

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR BOXES READY BEFORE 10TH NOVEMBER**

**WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:**  
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubble), sharp items (knives, scissors, blades), books with lots of words, scary pictures, religious war related, masks, toy snakes, breakables or medicines.

Learn more about creating your shoebox gift here

*Online Bereavement Information Evening*

FOR PARENTS GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD:  
OF ANY AGE, IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, AT ANY TIME.

**30TH OCTOBER, 2025**

To register:

- Click here
- Scan the QR code
- Email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

Call ROI 01 4045378 or NI 028 95213120

**Guest Speaker: Breffni McGuinness**

Breffni McGuinness currently serves as a Bereavement Coordinator at Laura Lynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice. Prior to this role, Breffni has been working in bereavement support, focusing on developing awareness, education, and resources to support bereaved individuals and communities. Breffni brings unique perspectives to his work, with specialisations in dramatherapies and pastoral care.

**AnamCara**  
Supporting Parents After Bereavement