

A message to the Parishioners of St John's  
from Canon Frank O'Connor

The bad news first: I have been diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease. I have lost my voice completely.

The good news: The nine and half years I spent in St. John's Cathedral were among the happiest of my priesthood.

It took 33 years before I got to a parish. I was almost 25 years in St. Munchin's College which was another happy experience. Then I was appointed Diocesan Advisor for the Secondary Schools, serving a further 8 years in the education field.

Then in 2014, Bishop Brendan in his wisdom sent me here to St. John's.

You have allowed me to share your moments of joy, celebrating baptisms and weddings and the Novena to St. Anthony - my favourite saint. It has also been my privilege to share in the moments of suffering and sadness, especially the celebration of funerals and I have also shared in the hospital ministry.

As I enter my suffering and face death with faith in the God of goodness and power, I ask for your prayers.

With deep affection and gratitude,

Fr. Frank O'Connor

**PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY:** At a recent Mass during the Novena to Saint Anthony, this reflection below was read A parishioner asked that it be published in the Parish Newsletter.

*Saint Anthony, it seems that God has chosen to remind us that God is not too busy to be concerned about the little problems of our life – when we lose our contact lenses, our wallets, our homework, or our keys. Help me to keep my calm and my common sense as I look for what I have lost. Help me to be a little better organised, a bit more careful in future. And while you are working on this loss, please help me also not to lose what is more important, my gift of faith in a loving God, my confidence in God's endless mercy, my love for God in my brothers and sisters. Amen'*

Split the Pot



Congratulations  
 M. & C. Kenihan  
 Winner of last weekends  
 draw 16th June.

Envelopes available at the  
 back of the church.

Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett  
 Canon Frank O'Connor  
 Fr Leo McDonnell  
 Canon John Daly  
 Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze

Parish Office

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Mass Times

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

Holy Days

Vigil Weekdays 45pm  
 Weekdays 10am, 5.45pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms

Saturday 4.30pm  
 To book a baptism .  
 Parish Office tel 414624

Eucharistic Adoration

**Takes place each  
 Friday from 4.30pm to  
 5.30pm.  
 All are welcome.**

**Newly Baptised:** We welcome to the Christian Community  
 Lily Pembroke & Billy O'Halloran

We wish them and their families every blessing and happiness.

**Rest In Eternal Peace— to the following who's funeral  
 mass took place here in the Cathedral during the week.**

**Philomena McNamara RIP, Olga Hickey RIP**



**Summer Dues** - will be taken up this weekend 22/23 June at all masses. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.



**The 2024 Limerick Wild Geese Festival**

The festival itself will kickstart on the morning of **Saturday, July 6** with the inauguration of the gate which has been restored by a group of local volunteers on the railing of the Sarsfield statue (Cathedral Place). This will be followed in the Hunt Museum garden by the now traditional boules tournament and afternoon of historical re-enactments (by the En Garde team) with live musical entertainment and animations by a range of local bands and community groups. For the first time this year, the Hunt Museum café will set up a barbecue in the garden. **All are welcome**

**Limerick Dementia**



**Social Club**

for Persons with Dementia and their Carers and all seeking support with Dementia.

Join us the first Wednesday of every month 6.30-8.30pm for a chat, cuppa and fun activity.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre,  
 Childers Rd. Rosbrien, Limerick.**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Vision and Hearing Info Session from Specsavers staff. Magic and Mystery with Magician Terence Andrews.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 6:30pm to 8:30pm	The Benefits of fun Light Exercise. Oola Choir Performance.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Reminiscence Quiz - dusse Memory Lane. Sing along with singer and musician Ray Collins.

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