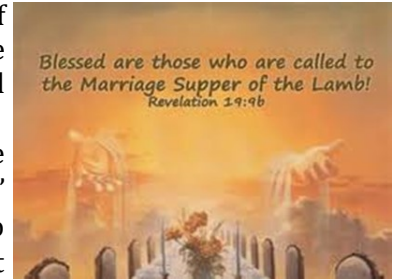


**Sunday 30th August 2020**

**Parish Newsletter**

**Reflection**

Jesus uses the symbol of the meal to teach something about the true 'place of honour' at his 'wedding banquet.' This place of honour is not reserved for the select few. We are all invited to sit at the table with Jesus as his honoured guests. We are also called to live and act as Jesus did. He is our host who gently calls us to deepen our friendship with him and each other. Every time we accept his most generous invitation, he seats us at his 'place of honour.' How blessed and honoured we are! To be follower of Jesus is to try our best to live like him. He came to serve not to be served. To be a disciple of Jesus is put others first and serve them.



**In memory.**

This month we have lost two wonderful women who gave great service to St John's Parish. Sr Frances of the little Company of Mary was Parish Sister here for many years. Her ministry to the housebound, elderly and families was deeply appreciated. She will be remembered for her gentleness, kindness and understanding. Sr Frances was a wonderful witness to Christian service in our community. Frances O'Kelly played the organ for the Tuesday morning Novena to St. Anthony, it gave her great pleasure to share the gift of music. She was a woman of generous spirit and good humour and had a great love for St John's and its people. She was a nurse by profession and lived out the qualities of care and compassion in her daily life. We give thanks to God for their generous service and friendship and pray for their eternal rest. We will remember them fondly. Sr. Frances month's mind will be celebrated on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at the 10am Mass.

Welcome to all the Children returning to our schools and to the new Children starting. We hope all have a fun time back at school. Parents please note there is no drop-off or pickup in the Cathedral car park going forward. This is in line with regulations.



Church opens **Monday – Saturday at 9.30am**  
**Monday to Friday 10am and 5.45pm.**  
**Saturday 10am and 6pm (Vigil)**  
**Sunday 8am, 10.30am, 12noon and 7pm.**

Cathedral will close Mon to Sat at 4pm for cleaning, re-open at 5.30pm.  
**Confessions** - after 10am Mass on Saturday.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be no basket collection during any mass, instead the basket will be at the door as you leave. You may place your contribution and weekly envelopes in it. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Church Leaders are recommending the use of face coverings at all Masses, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing.



**Split the Pot** Congratulations to Marian Kenihan, winner of last weekend's draw (Sun Aug 23rd). Draw envelopes can be dropped into Kieran on Saturday at the Sacristy.



### **St Anthony**

St Anthony's Novena - Novena prayers takes place each Tuesday after the 10am and 5.45pm Mass with a special blessing of the relic.

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

### **Lighting of Candles**

Due to restrictions in lighting of candles—candles will be placed in the shrine—leave offering as usual and then take timber taper to light your candle—when finished leave taper in used sand box near the shrine.



### **Meals on Wheels**

Pennywell Day Centre is offering a hot main course for €3, Monday to Friday. Meals can be collected or if needed will be delivered within the local area. Orders can be placed with Geraldine on 061 414150 any morning before 10am.

### **Mass Online**

Masses can be viewed online through our webcam on [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com) and click on livestream.



### **Baptisms in the Cathedral**

Baptisms will take place on weekdays, Monday to Friday after the 5.45pm Mass at 6.15pm and on Saturday at 4.30pm. One Baptism will take place each day with a maximum of 20 people allowed to attend. Should you wish to book your Baby's Baptism please contact the parish office on 061 414624 between 9.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Contact 061 311222 or email [aalimerick@gmail.com](mailto:aalimerick@gmail.com)

### **Online Donations**

You may make a donation through our website [www.limerickcathedral.com](http://www.limerickcathedral.com)

### **Bereavement Support Service**

A new national Freephone Bereavement Support line has been launched by the Irish Hospice Foundation. The Freephone service, 1800 80 70 77 is available Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm. The support line aims to provide a confidential space for people to speak about their experience or ask questions relating to bereavement.

### **Anniversary Masses**

Anniversary Masses can be arranged by calling Kieran (Parish Sacristan) on 061 414624. These can be attended by the family on the day.