

Reflection:

There are many themes contained in today’s scripture readings and liturgy but the one I’d like to have a word about is that of betrayal.

We know that all the apostles betrayed Jesus. When it came to it, their courage deserted them and they denied him and ran away.

Peter’s betrayal was quite dramatic. He swore in advance that under no circumstances would he not stand with Jesus. He even went so far as to say he would die with him rather than disown him but when he was challenged, fear overtook him and cowardice won the day, and he even called down curses upon himself and denied even knowing Jesus.

Judas’s betrayal was of an entirely different calibre. His betrayal came before the fact and was motivated by greed. His betrayal wasn’t the kind born out of terror like the others.

Afterwards, when Judas realized the enormity of what he had done he despaired. Peter and the others, on the other hand, repented and were forgiven by Jesus and Jesus built his Church on them and subsequently most of them witnessed to Jesus in martyrdom.

We know that we deny and betray Jesus in our own ways, in our lack of courage to do and stand for the right thing and because of our other sins.

The passion and death of Jesus has made forgiveness possible. His was the greatest act of love - “A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.” (Jn 15:13) His forgiveness is available to us in the sacrament of penance and there in no person beyond the reach of his love and no sin beyond his forgiveness.

Bishop Brendan Leahy invites you to attend the

Mass of Chrism on Wed, 1st Apr 7:30 pm here in St. John’s Cathedral, Limerick

The Diocesan Choir will sing at the Chrism Mass.

Going Mindfully into Holy Week

Raheen Church 7.30pm, Tuesday March 31st

As we begin Holy Week which commemorates the central events of our Christian faith, we invite you to join with us for an hour of prayer, scripture and carefully chosen music.

Our gathering will guide us in accompanying Jesus on the way of his Passion, Death & Resurrection, *throughout the solemn days ahead.*

This is a lay-led liturgy facilitated by Nessa Breen and Ann Mulcahy

ALL ARE WELCOME & BRING A FRIEND

Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett
Fr Daniel Tomasik
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze
Fr Krzysztof Tyburowski
In residence Canon John Daly

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday’s 4pm—5.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

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

We welcome into the Christian Community
Joella Ryan
We wish Joella and family every blessing.

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers
Patrick Higgins RIP
Jimmy Hickey RIP
May they rest in eternal peace.

Cathedral Shop

Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.
Easter Cards, Sympathy cards, 1st holy communion and confirmation cards and gift sets & other religious goods available to buy.

Split the Pot Draw

Congratulations to

winner of last weekends draw.
Kay Chambers
Draw Envelopes available at the back of the church.
All proceeds go toward the maintenance of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your support.

Church Notices

Easter Dues will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 4th & 5th April.

Good Friday collection will be taken up for Peters Pence at 3pm Ceremony

(Peters Pence - Funds support the Pope’s apostolic mission and humanitarian projects worldwide, including aid to developing nations and disaster relief.)

Diocesan Needs collection will be taken up on the weekend of 11th / 12th April.

Trocaire boxes can be returned on the weekend of 11th / 12th April.

Masses for Week 6th April to 10th April – Daily 10am Mass.

No evening mass at 5.45pm. Mass times resume as normal on 11th April.

You can pick up a schedule of the **Holy Week ceremonies** at the church doors.