

Patronal & Friends Festival

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5th September 2021



A message from the Dean

On behalf of the chapter and parish I welcome you to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick on this joyful day. You are very welcome, whether you are visiting for the first time or for the 1000th time! We share in worship which has been offered here for 850 years.

We hope this service booklet is easy to follow and that in the worship you will really know that God is close to you. Please say the words printed in bold text as your response during the worship. At times you are invited to stand, sit or kneel. These are helpful ways to engage in the service, but please be comfortable and don't worry if you need to do something different! Some parts of the service are louder and some quieter, as you will notice.

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of see the backs of others heads. Quietly explain the parts of the services and actions of the clergy, wardens, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and join in the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviour by copying you.

The numbers in brackets denotes pages in the Children's Communion Book (available at the church door) and activity packs for children are also available. Feel free to use the space across at the back of the cathedral if your children become restless; please stay with your children in this area for their safety.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me". Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church of God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the adults

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents 😳

Finally, if you need any assistance during service, please speak to one of the Churchwardens by the church doors.

The Very Rev'd Niall J. Sloane, Dean.

Devotional Prayers

Before Service

O Lord, open our Lips, that our mouths may proclaim your praise, and purify our hearts that we may worthily magnify your glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord God You are here, may we come to You with a mixture of humility and joy. May we feel Your nearness and learn from You. Amen.

Lord, it is not easy to be humble; but in this service we ask for humility, so that it is You who may be seen by each person here. May Your will be done. Amen.

Before a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Cleanse us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those blessed ones, who, having washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, stand before your throne, and serve you day and night in Your Temple. Amen.

Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.

By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory forever and ever. Amen.

After Celebration

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of your Passion: grant, we implore you, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of your Redemption.

You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

After Service

Grant, O Lord, that what we have sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and may always steadfastly fulfil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Organist is Mr Peter Barley

Service Setting: Martin How

Choral Eucharist ~ Order of Service

The Choir & Clergy assemble in Saint James' Chapel for the Vestry Prayer. Please Stand.

Hymn 326

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Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner-stone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

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To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within these walls alway.

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Praise and honour to the Father, praise and honour to the Son, praise and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, one in might and one in glory, while eternal ages run

John M. Neale, 1818-66

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Silence

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: Grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61: 10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

> This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 45: 10-17

- 10 Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear; 🔶 forget your own people and your father's house.
- 11 So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty; \blacklozenge he is your lord, so do him honour.
- 12 The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts; \blacklozenge the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
- 13 The king's daughter is all glorious within; \blacklozenge her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.
- 14 She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework; \blacklozenge after her the virgins that are her companions.
- 15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought \blacklozenge and enter into the palace of the king.
- 16 'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons, whom you shall make princes over all the land.
- 17 'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations; 🔶 therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'

Sung by the Choir

Sung by the Celebrant

Please Sit

children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL ANTHEM: AVE MARIA (MATTHEW MARTIN)

THE EPISTLE: GALATIANS 4: 4-7

THE GOSPEL

Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Luke chapter 1 beginning at verse 46 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

At the end the reader may say This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON: THE DEAN'S VICAR

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit

Please stand

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Please kneel or sit

The Response to 'Lord in your mercy' is 'hear our prayer'

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and his name is called the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE [12]

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 469 [there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Friends of Saint Mary's]

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In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer for the saints who before us have found their reward; when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed, but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

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These stones that have echoed their praises are holy, and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod; yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims, and still they were seeking the city of God.

4

Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found him,

whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;

They believed in the light; and its glory is round them,

where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.

Words: William H. Draper, 1855 – 1933

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us therefore let us celebrate the feast

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise: You chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son and so exalted the

humble and meek; your angel hailed her as most highly favoured, and with all generations we call her blessed: And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again: On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

THE AGNUS DEI [Sung by the Choir]

THE COMMUNION

This communion service is according to the Church of Ireland/Anglican rite and all are welcome to receive in both kinds (bread & wine) at communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing (crossing your arms over your chest).

The Great Silence

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: Grant that we who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature, and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image, and conformed to the pattern of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

followed by

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THANKSGIVING HYMN 472

I Sing we of the blessed Mother Who received the angel's word, And obedient to his summons Bore in love the infant Lord; Sing we of the joys of Mary At whose breast that child was fed Who is Son of God eternal And the everlasting Bread.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary When on earth her work was done, And the Lord of all creation Brought her to his heavenly home; Where, raised high with saints and angels, In Jerusalem above, she beholds her Son and Saviour reigning as the Lord above. Words: George B. Timms 1910 – 1997

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GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING

Please kneel or sit

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: Fugue on the Magnificat – J.S. Bach

Please stand

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK

According to tradition, Saint Mary's Cathedral is built on the site of the Viking thingmote, later the palace of the O'Brien kings of Thomond, and was given to the church by King Donal Mór O'Brien in 1168. This myth appears to have no foundation and obscures the extraordinary importance of Saint Mary's Cathedral - probably the most important medieval building to survive intact in Ireland, and still performing its original function.

The diocese of Limerick was formally established by the Synod of Rath Breasail in 1111, and the church of Saint Mary, in heart of the Norse city, was declared the cathedral of the diocese – the only cathedral in any diocese named by the synod. That church was replaced between 1150 and 1174 by the core of the present Saint Mary's Cathedral. The great pointed arcade arches of the nave (among the earliest in Ireland) and the round arched windows of the clerestory above them, with the narrow aisles, represent the only intact native Irish church built on a Continental scale to survive intact from before the Norman invasion in 1169 – all the others are in ruins. The design of the nave, aisles and chancel is a native Irish adaptation of the Burgundian style, introduced into Ireland by the Cistercians after 1142, further embellished by the fine Hiberno-Romanesque west door. The tombstone of its first great benefactor, King Donal Mór O'Brien, can still be seen in the chancel.

In the following centuries the cathedral was embellished by the wealthy merchants of Limerick who built the chantry chapels on the north and south sides of the nave - the largest surviving range of medieval chantry chapels in any Irish church. The cathedral boasts Ireland's largest medieval altar stone and Ireland's only surviving medieval choir stalls. These choir stalls, with their charming carved misericords, constitute the largest intact collection of carved woodwork and furniture from medieval Ireland. Thought to date from about 1480, they may actually date to before 1426. The misericords supported the choral posteriors during the long offices the Cathedral Chapter was obliged to perform.

Later centuries saw the installation of the massive 17th century Thomond Monument in the chancel, beside the tomb of Donal Mór O'Brien. In the early 19th century, the Pain brothers designed the Bishop's Throne or Cathedra, the screen to the Glentworth Chapel and the monument to Bishop John Jebb, the precursor of the Oxford Movement with his High Church opinions. The nineteenth century stained glass is particularly fine, the largest window, by the Harry Clarke Studio, was dedicated in 1961 by Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of York. Michael Pearse, the father of the patriot, Patrick Pearse, carved the reredos in the chancel, and the chancel screen was designed by Edward Conor O'Brien in 1921.

Saint Mary's Cathedral is an extraordinarily complex building representing developments from the mid-twelfth century to the later twentieth century – a treasure of Irish religious art. It continues to be a place of prayer and pilgrimage for all who enter its doors and a symbol of faith, hope and love to the city of Limerick.

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL – GENERAL INFORMATION

Opening Times

The Cathedral is open every day except the 26th, 27th December and 1st January. No charges are made for those who come to join our worship or who wish to pray privately, and everyone is welcome.

Supporting the Cathedral

Saint Mary's Cathedral is a registered charity, and we do not receive state aid. The average weekly running costs of the cathedral and its ministry to the city is $\leq 6,000$. By purchasing a ticket or making a donation or legacy, you are contributing towards the maintenance of Saint Mary's Cathedral and helping preserve it for future generations. Thank you!

The Cathedral Choir

Whilst Saint Mary's Cathedral is a church in the full tradition of the Church of Ireland, membership of that church is not a pre-requisite for joining the cathedral choir. If you love singing, church/choral music and historic buildings, then why not get in touch with us? We'd be pleased to hear from you. You don't need to be an expert singer. What we are looking for are young people with a pleasant singing voice, who are able to sing in tune and who have an interest in, and commitment to, this kind of music-making within the context of this magnificent Potential choir members should please contact the Organist and medieval cathedral. informal meeting the cathedral. Contact: Choirmaster to arrange an at organist@limerick.anglican.org / 061 310293

Become a Friend

The Friends of Saint Mary's exist to support the Dean & Cathedral Chapter in maintaining and enhancing the Cathedral and its surroundings. Assisting and supporting the Dean and Chapter in maintaining and improving the services, music, fabric, fittings, furniture, ornaments, monuments and facilities of the Cathedral. Encouraging the interest and participation of young people through education and activities. Stimulating and maintaining public interest in the Cathedral. Supporting the needs of the Cathedral's mission in the modern world.

There Friends are united in their desire to support and maintain this 850-year-old Cathedral. Joining the Friends helps ensure that we can continue this important work.

Please visit the website for full details - www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org

Facilities

Car parking is available in the grounds of the Cathedral or in the adjacent Car Park

There are toilets on site.

There is a small gift shop located within the Cathedral where visitors can purchase souvenirs of their visit.

Guided/Public Tours are available. School Groups can be accommodated.

Service Notes

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: www.churchservices.tv and the Cathedral website (www.saintmaryscathedral.ie) within the 90 days following the service. After that time recordings will be destroyed however exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral required it. Occasional services may be recorded and will

be advertised on both websites www.churchservices.tv and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie and/or other communication channels of the Cathedral). If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office.

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THIS WEEKS NOTICES

Note from the Dean: This morning we say farewell to the Dean's Vicar, the Rev'd Bernie Daly. We thank her for her ministry amongst us and wish her God's richest blessing as she leaves Limerick. Next Saturday, Leonard Madden will be ordained priest in the Cathedral. As we prepare to welcome him and his wife, Catherine, I invite you to remember him in your prayers in this very important step in his life.

Upcoming events: Some dates for your diary

Saturday IIth September at 3pm in the Cathedral: Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev'd Dr Leonard Madden. Booking necessary.

Sunday 19th September at 3pm in Abington: Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Saturday 25th September at Spin in Adington Pharteet Industry Service. Sunday 10th October at 10am in Saint Michael's: Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Sunday 10th October at 11.15am in the Cathedral: Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Sunday 31st October at 4pm in the Cathedral: Farewell service for the Bishop. Booking necessary.

Evensong: Will be held in the Cathedral this evening (Sunday 5th) at 5pm. The guest preacher will be Ms June Butler, All Ireland President of the Mothers' Union. The Bishop will preside at the service. Everyone is welcome to attend the service. Those attending are warmly welcome to refreshments beforehand in the Hunt Museum Café (from 4pm).

Saint Michael's Committee Meeting: Will be held tomorrow (6th September) at 8pm via Zoom. Please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com for the link

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the family of Ken Morrow, younger brother of the late Trevor, who died last week, following a short illness in the UK. He had moved there to work in 1956. Their sister, Joyce, still lives in Pittsburgh in the US, where she moved in the 1960's. We hold loyce and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Intercessors & Readers: Anyone interested in reading in church and/or leading prayers is invited to speak with a member of the clergy team.

Community Awards: The Annual Community Awards was initiated in 2018 as part of the 850th anniversary celebrations. The award recognises 'local heroes' who have a significant contribution to Limerick and the local community. The 2022 scheme is now open for nominations. Forms are available through the Cathedral office.

Accommodation sought (1)

Myself, my husband and our two daughters 14yrs & 7yrs are currently looking for a house to rent. We have been renting our current house for the past 8yrs and due to our landlord moving his family in, we have been given our notice. We both work and our daughters attend Villiers and Saint Michael's National School, so we ideally need something central to these schools. If you know of anywhere or hear of anywhere that is available right now or will be coming available could you please contact myself (Julie Cade) on 0833638026.

Livestreaming: Log onto www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Services will be on air at 11.15am on Sundays and 10.30am on Thursdays.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: John Jennings, George Bingham, Juliet Maducor, Loretta Byrnes Dent and Conway Jarvis.

Cycle of Prayer: Church of Ireland: The Diocese of Meath & Kildare and Bishop Pat Storey. Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. Diocese: Children in our dioceses starting a new school year, that they may be safe and happy, and grow in learning.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Andrew Prior, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Harold Armstrong, Lorraine McCarthy, John Nix, Archie Brown, Sylvia Martin, Emily, Moira Lowry, Mac, Mike, Betty, Alan Kennedy, Mary Garvin, Jackie Grace, Zandra, Richard Brickenden, Kathleen Quinn, Sarah, Brian Molloy, Sadie Williams, Miguel Faro and Madison Stanley.

NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST: If you wish to place a name on the list, please email your prayer request to limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com. Under GDPR regulations please ensure you have the consent of the named person(s) before submitting a name. For confidentiality reasons the clergy would appreciate NOT being asked on the status of people. Whilst we appreciate people are showing care and concern, it can compromise the relationship between pastor and parishioner. Thank you.