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Intentions for this weekend

6.30pm

9.15am Jackjoe & Bridget Foley & Son Mossie

12noon Connie, Eilish & Bridget Harnett,
Kilconlea Upper Anniv.

James, Teresa & Bill Harnett, Knocknasna

Mon 7pm Joe & Mary Moloney, Knocknasna

Mon 7pm. Geraldine Lyons Month Mind

Mass each morning at 10am

Sat 11am

Intentions for next weekend

6.30pm Patrick Moriarty Anniv.

Ewen (Hughie) MacArthur Month Mind
Billy O'Connell, Rea Kilmorna

9.15am

12noon Kathleen Spillane, St Ita's Housing
1st Anniv.

Mon 7pm Marian Shannon (Murphy) 4th Anniv.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I just want to let you know that, following the Pastoral Plan's proposal of team ministry and our consultations since last Christmas, I am now working on a list of possible pastoral units, that is, groups of parishes that would work more closely together.

To that end, I am meeting in these weeks with priests and, next month I hope to meet with Pastoral Councils with a view to getting feedback on the proposed new pastoral units. It's an important time for us as we put in place new arrangements to best serve our mission in the future. I ask for your prayers.

With Kind Regards,

+Brendan Leahy,
Bishop of Limerick.

The Hope Foundation

Adam, Keely and Roisin would like to thank the people who gave so generously to the collection last weekend in aid of The Hope Foundation, an overwhelming amount of €5070.20 was collected. Looking forward to seeing you at our coffee morning at St Ita's Hall the 12th October at 10.30am, all proceeds in aid of The Hope Foundation.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER TRAINING 2018

This year the Limerick Diocesan Youth Ministry Team delivered youth ministry training to 29 people from 13 parishes. This training was one of the key actions arising from the Synod process and the subsequent Pastoral Plan. The feedback from participants and clergy was very positive and we will be running another course beginning in September 2018.

Please get in contact with Aoife at 061-350000 or email awalsh@ldpc.ie if you are interested in taking part in this year's training.

Intelligence may drive machines, but it is the heart that beats with life! Give your heart the vital resources that it needs—allow God to enter your life: Then your life will brighten with divine light
(Pope John Paul II words to live by)

A Joy for all the Earth (Official hymn, WMOF 2018.

Love bears all things, endures all things
Love longs for all things good, love never ends

Love is patient, and love is kind.

Love is not resentful; it is not rude.

Love is not arrogant, nor boastful, nor jealous,

but love rejoices, rejoices in the truth

Refrain

The joy of love, a joy for all God's family,

The joy of love transcending time and space.

Our Love for each other mirrors God the Father's love.

The joy of love: a joy for all the earth.
composed by Ephrem Feeley).

What Pope Francis said in Croke Park

We continue our reflections on the address given by Pope Francis during the Festival of Families celebrations in Croke Park. Pope Francis refers to Father Ragheed Ganni. Frather Ganni was from Mosul, Iraq and studied in the Irish College in Rome. While a seminarian in Rome he visited Ireland and Limerick on at least two occasions. After his ordination he returned to work as a priest in Iraq. On Trinity Sunday 2007, he was murdered along with three others, including his cousin in front of his parish church in Mosul, Iraq. Some of Fr Ragheed's family spoke in Croke Park during the Festival of Families. They spoke about forgiveness.

“As a good Irish priest taught us, “the family that prays together, stays together” and radiates peace. In a special way, such a family can be a support for other families that do not live in peace. Following the death of Father Ganni, his family chose forgiveness and reconciliation over hatred and resentment. They saw, in the light of the cross, that evil can only be fought by good, and hatred overcome only by forgiveness. Almost incredibly, they were able to find peace in the love of Christ, a love that makes all things new. This evening they share that peace with us. They prayed. Praying together.

While I was listening to the choir, I saw a mother teaching her child to make the sign of the cross. Let me ask you, do you teach your children to make the sign of the cross? Yes or no? [all: yes!] Or do you teach them to make some quick wave of the hand [he gestures] that they don't even understand? It is very important that children learn as early as possible to make the sign of the cross well. It is the first “creed” that they learn, a way of saying “I believe” in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This evening, before going to bed, ask you, as parents: do I teach my children to make a good sign of the cross? Think about it, it is up to you!”

Pope Francis address on family life in Croke Park August 2018

Adult Faith Formation

All are welcome to attend Adult Faith Formation classes, offered by the Dominican Sisters in St Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick. A comprehensive overview of the Catholic faith will be presented in 10 sessions. Come be a part of this special opportunity to grow in knowledge, faith, and community. The group will meet every Wednesday evening, from 7:00-8:30, beginning the 3rd of October.

Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock

On Sunday, October 14th, buses will be leaving St. Saviour's Dominican Church to travel to Knock for the annual Dominican Pilgrimage. Departure is at 8:30am and return time is approximately 7pm. Tickets are €15 which includes tea and scones on route. Please visit the Dominican Church sacristy any day from 12:00 - 12:45 to book.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Dominican Sisters will be offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a montessori-based religious education programme for children ages 3 - 9. The courses will begin in October. Interested parents can email limerick@op-tn.org or ring 085 2255796 for more information.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 23rd September

Luxury coach leaving the Church Abbeyfeale at 7am sharp. Cost: €20 and must be paid beforehand to ensure a seat.

Please contact: Bernard Broderick 068 31565

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Documentary Film at Glórach Theatre

As part of Culture Night, on Friday September 21st at 8 pm we will be screening the documentary film 'The Limerick Brigadistas- From the Shannon to the Ebro'. This film tells the story of the six Limerick men who fought on the Republican side in the Spanish Civil War, including Jim Woulfe from Athea. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Dromtrasna Challenge 2018 in aid of Miriam Joy Cancer Treatment Fund and Breast Cancer Ireland will take place on Saturday 20th October. 2K Kids Run, 4K Walk/Run and 10K Run. Something to suit everyone. Lets all TAKE THAT STEP. Online registration and further details available at www.dromtrasnachallenge.com.

Harnett reunion 2019

The first meeting to get plans in motion for the next Harnett reunion will take place in St Ita's Hall on next Thursday 27th @ 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Irish Cancer Society with to thank you for your continued support of the Irish Cancer Society and the recent church gate collection which raised €1170 and goes towards making a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer. Thank you for joining the fight and helping us work towards a future without cancer.

Grow in Ireland (Community Mental Health Support Movement) wishes to express sincere thanks to you for your generosity at our recent Church gate collection which amounted to €540., all of which will go directly towards the provision of weekly support groups to people with mental health issues across the Mid west region.

The Joy of Love in Marriage

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next Weekend (residential) will be from 16th -18th November 2018 at The Lake Hotel, Killarney. For info. and to book, visit www.marriage-encounter.ie or call 086-6095168 or 064-6644319