

**A LIMERICK RESPONSE TO REFUGEE / MIGRANT CRISIS:
LIMERICK TO CALAIS**

A group of volunteers will bring a convoy of aid from all over Ireland to Calais on September 30th. The volunteers will stay at the camp for a week as volunteers. A depot has been set up at the old *Cahill May Roberts* building, beside The Granary, Bank Place.

The agency that the group are working with, has requested a very specific list of items, as follows: ●Heavy duty Rubbish bags ●Four person Tents ●Blankets ●Sleeping bags ●Candles, torches ●Men’s clothes: specifically, small to medium sized warm or waterproof clothes, including shoes and runners. ●Men’s toiletries, (two options):
☑**Option 1:** Men’s toiletry bag to include Tooth paste, tooth brush, soap, two razors, one can shaving foam, pack of tissues in a medium sized durable bag. ☑**Option 2:** any one of the above items boxed separately and labelled. ●Tools for fixing bicycles, bicycle pumps and puncture repair kits. **All donations should be in good, clean and dry condition.** We ask donors to **please sort and label as this will save a lot of work.**

Cash donations will be used to purchase food when the convoy arrives in Calais. The lorries and vans that transport donations will be used to deliver food purchased locally. Donations can be made at the collection centre or online at the GoFundMe website: www.gofundme.com/9zwwfscys

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating, please call to ‘**Limerick to Calais Refugee Solidarity**’ Bank Place. (The old *Cahill May Roberts Building* beside the Granary).

Synod2016—Journeying Together in Faith

Our parish delegates to the Limerick Diocesan Synod 2016 are ●Mr Martin Murray, Ballinacurra; ●Sr Margaret Greene, O’Connell Avenue; ●Ms Joanne Hannon, St Joseph’s Street and ●Mrs Josephine Sweeney, South Circular Road.

You can contact them by e-mail at: stjosephsparishsynod@gmail.com

Check out the Synod website at www.synod2016.com

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice and love,

so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and may earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

Amen.



**ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH
O’Connell Avenue
Limerick
Sunday 13th September 2015
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Fr Oliver Plunkett, Adm:.....087-6593176
Fr Frank Downes OP, Parish Chaplain | Fr Paul Finnerty, Weekend Assistant
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Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Sep 13 th	10.00am	
	11.30am	Thomas and Emmie Geary (anniversaries); Annie McDonald (birthday remembrance); Dermot Scott (eleventh anniversary); Sr Rose Keane, Sr R Foster, and Joe and Josie Nash; Donal Murphy (fourth anniversary) and Conor
	5.30pm	Bridget and Michael Doran (Ballinacurra)
Mon. Sep 14 th	10.30am	John and Christina O’Shaughnessy
Tue. Sep 15 th	10.30am	Seán Roberts (eleventh anniversary); Tim Frawley (second anniversary)
Wed. Sep 16 th	10.30am	Alanna and Esther Hennessy (ninth and seventh anniversaries); Bryan Walsh (second anniversary)
Thur. Sep 17 th	10.30am	William O’Dwyer
Fri. Sep 18 th	10.30am	
Sat. Sep 19 th	10.30am	Mary Clancy (eleventh anniversary)
Sun. Sep 20 th	10.00am	
	11.30am	
	5.30pm	First Holy Communion programme (<i>Do this in memory</i>)

On the web: ●Parish: www.stjosephsparish.ie ●Diocese: www.limerickdiocese.org
●Diocese on Facebook: www.facebook.com/dioceseoflimerick
An electronic version of this newsletter may be seen on our website.
Newsletter prepared by Cathal McCarthy

Last Sunday’s Collection

Thank you for your offerings last week: Offertory collection Sunday Sep. 6th €1011.82.

Recently Baptised

We congratulate and ask God's blessing on Eoin and Sorcha Bryan on the baptism of their son Oisín Cian.

Recently Deceased

Henry Greensmith, Ballinacurra Gardens and Michael (Mick) Spillane, Ashbourne avenue, We extend our sympathy to their families, relatives and friends.

Bereavement Information Evening

Milford Care Centre and Anam Cara are holding a Bereavement Information Evening on next Thursday 17th September from 7pm to 9pm in Milford Care Centre. The guest speaker for the evening is Brid Carroll and the topic is "Coping with loss when a child dies".

All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set up and would appreciate if you could let them know (email info@anamcara.ie or call 01-4045378) before Wednesday, 16th September.

Have you a connection with Scoil Carmel?

If you have, as part of "Celebrating the Legacy" of the school which is closing in 2016, you are invited to the final Mercy Day Mass on Thursday week, September 24th at 12 midday here in St Joseph's. All are welcome

Message from ACCORD in Limerick

ACCORD is the Catholic organisation for the provision of Marriage Preparation Courses, and Marriage and Relationship Counselling for couples or individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships.

Currently ACCORD is seeking volunteer 'Sitters' who would be present on their premises, at St. Munchin's College Corbally, Limerick, while counselling is being undertaken as, for insurance purposes, counsellors are not allowed to work in the building on their own with clients. Sitters would be required to attend once a week, times scheduled on a rota between 4.45pm and 8.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. The 'Sitters' provide an invaluable assistance to ACCORD's work, as without their help, the counselling work would cease. The volunteer sitter could take this opportunity to relax in a quiet space, to read, watch TV and have a well earned cup of tea or coffee. There is a commitment for 'Sitters' to be on time and to show up for their appointed rota schedule. Garda Vetting will be undertaken by ACCORD before any volunteer commence duty.

If you are interested in becoming a 'Sitter' you may contact ACCORD at (061)343000

This Week's Saints and Memorials

14 th (Monday):	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 th (Tuesday):	Our Lady of Sorrows
16 th (Wednesday):	Ss Cornelius, pope and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs
17 th (Thursday):	St Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church
12 th (Saturday):	St Januarius, bishop and martyr

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14th September 320. On 13th September 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

National Eucharistic Congress

In two weeks time on Saturday and Sunday September 26th and 27th we will be celebrating a National Eucharistic Congress in Knock, Co. Mayo. Its theme 'Christ our Hope' invites us to think about hope in our own lives. The National Eucharistic Congress is free of charge and no registration is required. You can attend the Congress on either or both days. You may travel with a pilgrim group to Knock or you may travel independently. Mass on both days will be streamed online. Visit the website www.nec2015.ie and click on *Programme of Events* to see a full schedule for the weekend.

Limerick diocese will run a bus to Knock on Sunday 27th September for the National Eucharistic Congress. There will be two pickup points, Newcastle West and the South Court in Limerick. Bus leaves Newcastle West at 7am and leaves the South Court at 8am sharp. As this will be the final day of the weekend congress in Knock, whoever would like to go by car on the Friday evening or Saturday morning in order to attend the entire weekend should book accommodation in Knock immediately.

Names for the bus to be given to Fr. John Mockler 086-2342242 or to Parish office Newcastle West 069-61816 Email: ncwparish@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible, please. See poster on display at the back of the church

A Readers' Group on the Poetry of Patrick Kavanagh

He knew the posterity had no use

For anything but the soul. . .

(If Ever you Go to Dublin Town)

This group of poetry readers have come together for the past two years, and before summer, we began an exploration of Kavanagh's early poems. But now in September, we resume with the main body of his work. To read Kavanagh is to make a soul journey. Despite the oppression of the cultural Catholicism of his time, the poet is nurtured by faith in a life-giving God. Indeed he has a fun sense of God. As he says, the poet is a 'theologian'. It is a heartening experience to read poetry together, and with Kavanagh we marvel at how a poet, so tortured at times, can write such poems of celebration and praise. The poetry sessions, facilitated by Sr Jo O'Donovan at the Dominican Priory, Glentworth St. on Wednesdays, from 11am to 12.30pm, resume on Wednesday September 23rd.

Note: While the group is already established, there is room for a few more participants.

Enquiries to Sr Jo at 0879731860 or donovanjh@eircom.net.

Refugee Crisis

In the past year, 3,573 people have died attempting to reach Italy, Greece and Spain by sea, an average of ten people a day. This is both a humanitarian crisis and a crisis of humanity. The EU must apply humanitarian standards to save lives, protect those most vulnerable and reduce the scandalous suffering being met by refugees reaching European borders.

Trócaire is responding to the growing needs of extremely vulnerable refugees in partnership with Caritas Serbia and has allocated €50,000 so far to provide sleeping bags and raincoats, hygiene kits, health services and psychosocial support. Trócaire also works with partners in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan and Somalia, which are burdened by protracted conflicts and in Jordan and Lebanon, countries which are hosting 1.75 million Syrian refugees.

You can donate to Trócaire by phone (1850 408 408) or online at <https://www.trocaire.org>