

Holy Trinity Abbey Church

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Sunday 7th May 2017

Rev. Joseph Noonan, P.P.
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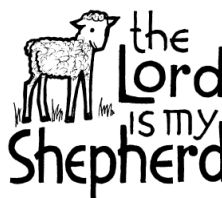
Parish Office - 061 396172:

Monday to Friday – 9.30am to 1.15pm - Parish Secretary: Rita Hickey

<u>Eucharistic Ministers: 13/14 May 2017</u>		<u>Mass Readers: 13/14 May 2017</u>
Sat. 7.00pm	Mags Wallace Bernie O'Halloran Mary O'Connor	Kate Keane
Sun. 9.30am	Rose Brennan Mairead Dowling	Sue Foley
11.30am	Deirdre Jordan Margaret Clifford Margaret Shovlin	Trish Canty

Daily Mass during the week: 10am

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray that the Good Shepherd will send labourers into the harvest. There will be a second collection in aid of the education of *Students (Vocation Sunday)* and also to ***continue the further education of clergy.*** Please give generously.



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will host a 3 Hour Vigil of Prayer for Vocations for the Limerick Diocese in St. Nesson's church Raheen on **Saturday 13th May** commencing with the Vigil Mass at 6pm. This will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. A reflection will be given by Bishop Brendan Leahy. The Vigil will conclude with Benediction.

May – a month to celebrate Our Lady - The month of May is traditionally a month of devotion to Mary, when children set up a May altar in the home and say a prayer each day to Mary.

First Holy Communion – We welcome the children and their families to our 7pm Vigil Mass. **The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 20th May.**

Adare Garden Fete 2017 - First Open Planning Meeting will take place at Adare Village Hall on this **Monday evening May 8th at 8pm** in the Front Room. We look forward to welcoming back all those who helped in the past and new helpers are assured of a very warm welcome. Agreed date for Fete is **Sunday June 11th** in St. Nicholas's Church of Ireland grounds.

Saturday 13th May – Today, we celebrate the feast day of *Our Lady of Fatima*. This day in 1917, the 'Lady' asked the 3 children to pray for sinners and an end to world war. She identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion. Also, on this date in 1981, there was an attempted *assassination on Saint Pope John Paul II*. He always attributed his survival and recovery to the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

➤ **Ministry Workshops in May:**

May 11th Ministers of the Word - 7.30pm to 9pm - Pastoral Centre
May 18th e.o. Ministers of the Eucharist - 7-9.30pm - Pastoral Centre

➤ **Mary Immaculate College** will host a conference on *Reimagining Sacramental Preparation - May 12 & 13* - and what role the school should play in the process. The conference will be of particular interest to parents, teachers, clergy and pastoral workers. Contact: Ms Deirdre Franklin, T: 061 204507, E: deirdre.franklin@mic.ul.ie

➤ It was decided at the Diocesan Synod to have a **Youth Ministry Training Programme** in the Diocese to train people from parishes to deliver Youth Ministry in their own localities. Training will start in September 2017 and each parish is looking for 4/5 members to do the training course. Please contact your Parish Priest or phone Aoife Walsh, Limerick Diocesan Pastoral Centre 061-400133.

Trócaire - Please remember to return your Trócaire Boxes. Donations can also be made online at www.trocaire.org

Tax Refund/Receipt - If you are a taxpayer and have received a receipt from the parish office for your contributions to the church for 2016, we would be grateful if you would sign the CHY3 form and return it if you have not already done so. Your co-operation is much appreciated. Last year, our church benefited by €17,333.03. Thanks to all those who have already returned their forms.

The Annual Queen of the May Concert - St Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick - **Thursday May 18th** starting at 8.00pm. The event will raise funds for St. Joseph's Church Restoration Fund and for the Limerick Branch of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Tickets are €10 each from St Joseph's Church (061)313401, from the Limerick Alzheimer Society (061)313456/312605 or call 087-2318631/086-2398935. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

A thought.....More than any other scientist, Wernher von Braun was responsible for putting America on the moon. Before he died, he gave this testimony concerning life after death: "I think science has a real surprise for the sceptics..... Nothing in nature, not even the tiniest particle, can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation.... Everything science has taught me - and continues to teach me - strengthens my belief in the continuity of our spiritual existence after death".

