



The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

Letter from Bishop Leahy for all Masses - Safeguarding Sunday. 28th May 2017

Since becoming Bishop four years ago, I have made safeguarding a priority. I have met with survivors of abuse and I have found it always very moving to meet with them. On the 3rd of March this year, following Pope Francis' call, I arranged for the Diocese to mark the National Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse and prayers were held at all masses throughout the Diocese of Limerick on that date. As you know I have also asked that one Sunday be set aside each year as Safeguarding Sunday as a way of keeping the issue of safeguarding to the forefront of all our minds.

The abuse of children and vulnerable persons is a great evil, and despite what can appear to be a saturation of media coverage, it is difficult for us to really appreciate the pervasiveness and profound distress which abuse causes.

Irish society owes an enormous debt to the men and women who have overcome the historical shame barrier and given public testimony to their experience. We must acknowledge also the very significant role the media has played in engaging with people who have experienced abuse and giving them a voice.

Despite the Church's failures in this area, I sometimes think that the very experience of failure to prevent and respond vigorously to abuse by some Church personnel can now, paradoxically, become a contribution which the Church can make to society. What I mean is that yes, we have failed but we must not let ourselves be blocked in our failure but rather realise that our response to this failure can become a valuable contribution of insight and practice that we can now offer to society. Our challenge is to reflect on what we can learn from our failures and to ensure that society as a whole can be helped in overcoming the scourge of abuse of minors.

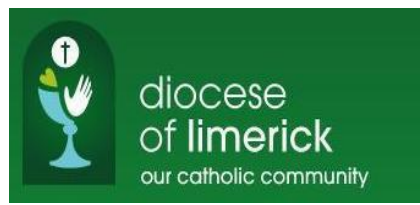
The Diocese of Limerick is currently reviewing how it ensures children's welfare is promoted in all church activities and how it can work collaboratively with families and communities to promote the welfare of children. In particular, it wishes to support people who may have experienced abuse in their lives and to work with and support agencies who work with those who have experienced abuse.

I welcome all feedback on our present arrangements and encourage anyone with a concern or a suggestion to contact our Safeguarding Service at the Diocesan Office

I want to acknowledge the work of Priests, Parish Safeguarding Representatives, all those involved with young people as well as Sacristans in ensuring that safe arrangements are in place in every Parish.

The Diocese is committed to ensuring that children and vulnerable persons are welcome and safe in all their contact with Church services, activities and people. I invite everyone in the faith community to share in our collective responsibility to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable people.

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+Brendan Leahy
Bishop of Limerick



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MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH :

Raheen: Vigil 6pm Sun 11am & 12.30 pm. Mon to Fri 10am Eucharistic Adoration 10.30am – 10 pm

Crecora: Sunday 10 a.m. Tue.Wed.Thurs 9.15am. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Thurs to 12noon & 6p.m. - 10 pm

Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m. Wed. & Fri 9.30 a.m. Saturday 11.30 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wed 10am–12 noon.

Mass of the Sacred Heart at 10.15 pm and Immaculate Heart at 12 midnight on Friday 2nd June , in Raheen Church.

Mass Times 27th/28th May

6 p.m. Gerry Hennessey (A)

11. a.m. Brian Hunt (A)

12.30 pm Sadie O'Connor (A)

Crecora: Dan Duggan (A)

Week ahead: 29th – 2nd June.

Raheen

Mon Pro Pop

Wed Hanora Cahill (A)

Weekend 3rd/4th June

Raheen:

6 p.m. Martin & Theresa Keating (A)

11 a.m. Conor Johnston (A)

12.30 p.m. Johanna O'Connor (A)

& Frank Costelloe (A)

Crecora: Eileen Hayes (A)

Baptismal Meeting: Thursday next 1st June at 7.30 p.m. in the Millennium Centre, Raheen.

Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting in preparation for the baptism of their child.

1st. Friday: Friday next 2nd June. Priest will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Mass in Raheen at 10 a.m. Mungret: 9.30 a.m.

Today is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and also World Communications Day.

Pope Francis urges us to engage in constructive forms of communication.. 'I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart "good news"..'.

Pentecost – Sunday 4th June. Thanks for the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today is Safeguarding Sunday: Our Parish Safeguarding Reps are John Bulfin & Cida Silva. See Bishop Brendan Leahy's letter overleaf.

Members of the **Redemptorists Community** will speak at all Masses in Mungret and Crecora next weekend on their upcoming Novena in Mount St. Alphonsus. Raheen on 10th & 11th June.

Bus to Knock: Will leave Mungret Clubhouse at 9.30 a.m. and a pick up at Raheen Church at 9.35 a.m. sharp on Tuesday 30th May 2017. If interested contact Theresa at 061 353898, Nora at 061 301184 or Marian on 086-3929367.

Parish Office will be closed on Friday next the 2nd June, 2017.

St. Nessian's National School, Mungret, Co. Limerick. Applications for classes other than Junior Infants for the school year 2017/2018 is open. The last date for receipt of completed applications will be **Friday 2nd June 2017 @ 1pm.**

Enrolment forms are available from the school office or are available to download from the school website @ www.stnessans.ie

Report from Pastoral Council meeting 9th May 2017.

1. The meeting was addressed by the two Parish Safeguarding Representatives. The Diocesan Safeguarding Rules will be updated weekend 27th May 2017. Names and numbers of the Parish Representatives are available in the sacristy.
2. The meeting was addressed by Angus Mitchell of Limerick Against Pollution (L.A.P.). The Papal Encyclical Laudate Si reminds us of our duty of care to the environment; a parishioner suggested that the Pastoral Council should engage with the issue regarding the Irish Cement Factory. In the light of same Mr. Mitchell of L.A.P. was invited to address the Committee. A similar invitation will now be issued to Irish Cement. We would encourage everyone to actively engage and inform themselves on any issue regarding our environment, as Pope Francis refers to it as "Our Common Home".
3. Lay led liturgy on the 25th of April 2017 – widespread disappointment amongst congregation that the Eucharist was not distributed at the morning Liturgy. This concern will be brought back to the Bishop for clarification.
4. There is an Ecumenical Service proposed to take place in Crecora in Sept.
5. The Committee welcomed Margaret Aherne to the Pastoral Council
6. The Report from St. Nessian's Area Pastoral Council meeting held on Mon 8th May 2017 was discussed. A twelve week Youth Ministry programme will be rolled out between September Christmas 2017. Volunteers are sought.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: The last collection before September will be held next weekend 3rd/4th June. We thank everyone for continued help and support throughout the year.

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST. ANTHONY - ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL - Cathedral Place, Limerick. Monday 5th June to Tuesday 13th June:

Conducted by Fr. Brian Allen OFM Masses each day : 10.00am & 5.45pm (Saturday 10.00am & 6.00pm) (Sunday 10.30am & 7.00pm)

With Novena Prayers, Homily and Blessing with Relic.

We are praying
for the people of
Manchester and
praying for peace



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