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## VISIT FROM THE SISTER ADORERS TO IRELAND

In March, Sacred Heart Church will be honoured to host six members of the Sisters Adorers of the Royal Heart. Our sisters are looking forward to meeting you.



Benefactors who would like to sponsor the sisters' visit, please contact us. The sisters will sell examples of their craftsmanship during their visit to support their growing order.

The Institute's Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April. Interested parties, please contact Canon Lebocq at 061.315.812 or [limerick@icrsp.org](mailto:limerick@icrsp.org)

### 4<sup>th</sup> March

- 7pm: First Friday Mass followed by devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Sacred Heart Church, Limerick).

### 5<sup>th</sup> March

- 12 noon: Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Sacred Heart Church, Limerick).

### 6<sup>th</sup> March

- 10:30 am: Mass, 'Laetare Sunday,' (Sacred Heart Church, Limerick).  
- 2.30 pm: Mass, 'Laetare Sunday,' (The Claddagh Church, Dominican Community, Galway).

### 7<sup>th</sup> March

- 7 pm: Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Sacred Heart Church, Limerick).

## I WILL GO UNTO THE ALTAR OF GOD, TO GOD WHO GIVETH JOY TO MY YOUTH!

On 6<sup>th</sup> February, First Saturday of the Month, Sacred Heart Church will have a meeting for Altar Boys following the 12 noon Mass. There will be practices, a talk, pizza and other activities. Serving at God's Holy Altar is one of the great privileges and joys of Catholic youth. All boys six-years-old and up are welcome to attend.

## 'PRIMA LUCE': FROM SYDNEY TO LIMERICK AND GALWAY!



As announced in our last issue, we received a visit from **Prima Luce**, a choir based in Sydney, Australia. They sang at the 2.30 pm Mass at the Claddagh Church in Galway on 10<sup>th</sup> January and sang at an evening Mass followed by a concert of sacred music in Limerick on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Their beautiful voices put the wonderful acoustics at Sacred Heart to good use, and our own choir was inspired not only by the quality of their musicianship but also by the prayerful manner in which they offered their talent to Our Lord.

*Thank you, Prima Luce!*

## MANY THANKS TO OUR DEVOTED CHOIR!

Despite lashing winds and rain, a cheerful gathering brightened the residence here at Sacred Heart Church on the Feast of the Epiphany. With a small party after the evening mass we thanked our church choir for all of their generous efforts, especially during the Christmas Season. All of the beautiful carols and the Gregorian chant that we heard during Christmastide were testament to all of the time and energy that the choir members sacrificed in order to beautify the liturgy. Though our thanks are inadequate, we trust that one day the Infant King will thank them all Himself, for He certainly enjoyed hearing them even more than we did. Thank You!



RESTORATION UPDATE

## THE SACRED HEART SHRINE

As those who are able to visit Sacred Heart Church regularly have no doubt already noticed, **progress on the restoration of the Shrine to the Sacred Heart is well underway.** This is of course due to the generosity of our benefactors. The original grille that surmounted the brass gates enclosing the shrine has been reinstalled after a skilful restoration by artisan metal workers. We were unable to recover the original gates, so we are relying on your help to commission new ones. The shrine continues to encourage devotion in the many passers-by who stop in for a moment's recollection or to honour Our Eucharistic Lord. It is encouraging to see that the Sacred Heart has so many friends in Limerick City!



To support this project, please mention 'Sacred Heart Shrine' with your donation.

*(Cheques should be made out to 'Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest')*

Your generosity already allowed us to complete the first part of the shrine restoration.

The brass gates are being prepared!

## DEACON JOHN O'CONNOR



Abbé John O'Connor, of New Jersey, was ordained to the holy diaconate on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

*“The Church must... follow Her Lord to Gethsemane and to Golgotha. She must, if she is to be entirely conformed to her Master, endure betrayal from within her own ranks, even as Jesus was betrayed by one of His chosen Apostles. She must undergo the humiliation of being stripped of her garments, disfigured, scourged and crucified, and apparently abandoned by God Himself.*

*We should have confidence, however, that God will never abandon His Church; that the Passion of His Mystical Body will obtain an ever greater application of His Grace to souls; that the Passion exists in view of the Resurrection. Amidst the crisis currently raging in the Church, we have the assurance of Jesus-Christ that His Church shall forever possess the Spirit of Truth, that she shall remain indefectible. The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against His Church. He has promised it and has prayed for it Himself at the Last Supper. He has asked His Father to keep us in His Name. We must not doubt His word.”*

*(Excerpt of Deacon O'Connors first sermon.)*

## LENT AT SACRED HEART!

**Every Wednesday during Lent, 7 pm Mass will be followed by a Lenten Conference and a blessing with a relic of the True Cross.**

**10<sup>th</sup> February**

Ash Wednesday: Imposition of the Ashes after the 7pm Mass

**24<sup>th</sup> February**

Lenten Conference: “Embracing the Cross,” by Canon Lebocq

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