

Fr James Fitzgibbon (1803-1832)
A young Limerick priest, victim of the cholera epidemic, 1832 In early summer 1832, the cholera epidemic that for two years had raged through Europe, arrived in Limerick. A short account of conditions in the city and the pastoral response of the Christian Brothers, Sexton Street is available [here](#). Among the hundreds that fell victim to the disease, was Fr James Fitzgibbon (1803-1832), originally from **St Mary's parish**. The young priest attached to St John's, ordained from Maynooth in 1827, contracted the illness in the course of his ministry. **He died on 11 August 1832**, 'his funeral being attended by immense crowds'. A *Limerick Herald* editorial remarked, 'Since the commencement of the awful malady that has terminated his career, his labours for the poor were unceasing, both day and night... in his mission of love'. Buried in St John's chapel, his remains were found to be incorrupt in 1861, when they were reinterred in the north transept of the newly constructed St John's cathedral. We give thanks for the ministry of all those priests who have faithfully served God's people in this place, especially in times of difficulty, and we invoke their intercession.

With special thanks to a relative of Fr Fitzgibbon who called his memory to mind



Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Climate no longer someone else's problem, but our own



Confronted with the urgent requirement of radical and fundamental change, we often imagine ourselves having to climb steep staircases, where a single step can make a difference in a cycle of transformation. A second climate change report has just landed. If the first UN warning was a global call to arms, the Status of Ireland's Climate study has a disturbingly more ominous feel to it. This time it really is personal. For decades, we all stewed in a shared sense of helpless foreboding, yet for the most part we managed to keep ourselves at a remove from responsibility. Whatever spurious grounds we had for denial or dismissal of the threat have been stripped away. For climate change and all its potentially distressing consequences are now banging on our own front door. The State's environmental watchdog has confirmed our country is getting wetter and warmer. To be given two such jarring wake-up calls within a 72-hour period should surely shock us into our senses. Our rainfall was 6pc higher in the 30-year period between 1989 and 2018 compared with the previous three decades. The decade between 2006 and 2015 was the wettest on record. Alarm bells must also sound for our cities and coastal communities, with our sea levels rising by 2mm to 3mm every year since the early 1990s. Our response is not something that can start in six years' or even six months' time. We can all do something, and it starts with the way we think. Instead of destroying nature, we must learn from it. As Robert Wilson Lynd wrote: "There is nothing in which the birds differ more from man than the way in which they can build and yet leave a landscape as it was before."

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat 14th	7 pm	Una Fennessey (1st
Mon 16th	10 am	
Tue 17th	10 am	No Mass
Fri 20th	10 am	No Mass
Sat 21st	7 pm	
Knockea		
Sun 15th	11am	Michael Butler BVM
Wed 18th	10am	
Sun 22nd	11am	Tom Madigan
Roxboro		



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must recognise extremes are no longer the exception. We have evidently run out of time – and excuses – for doing nothing.

Recent death Our sympathy to the family of Noreen O'Neill (nee Godfrey) funeral took place on Friday in St. Ailbe's Church Ballybricken. We remember 10th Anniv. T J Walsh. Rathuard May they rest in Peace

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