

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon
you, and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance
upon you, and give you peace.
May the Blessed Mother of God Intercede
for all of us and accompany us in our
undertakings this coming year.*



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SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

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FROM THE DESK OF CANON BENEDICT

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord Almighty!...*

*Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you. (84:1&4).*



We have come to the end of the year 2022 in a very special way, by giving thanks to God for the many blessings we received. Of course, like every other year, we had our difficult moments, balanced by our moments of joy and for all these moments we give thanks to God because we feel his presence in very real and profound ways.

Despite adversity together we still achieved certain landmark events to include that;

- On 23rd June 2023 we successfully hosted the installation of the new Bishop of Menevia, Archbishop Mark O'Toole.

- We hosted the relics of St. Bernadette; the opening ceremony and other devotional events were unprecedented in the recent history.

- The Requiem Mass for the late Monarch, Queen Elizabeth is still fresh in our memory as the liturgy was most befitting of the late beloved monarch. The civil dignitaries who attended the Requiem Mass were most grateful for the invite and their inclusion.

- On 7th December, we had the Mass of the dedication of the Cathedral celebrated by our Bishop, and with a good number of priests in solemn attendance.

- On 8th December, we concluded the Novena to the Immaculate Conception with the Mass celebrated by the Archbishop George Stack.

- The proverbial icing on the cake is the completion of the internal renovation of the cathedral in record time; it is not just about redecoration but the fact that we have indeed a dwelling place fit for our celebration of the Lord.

I am immensely grateful to all the parishioners for all that you have been; your dedication and support is unqualified and so very much appreciated.

It is important that we say a heartfelt thank you to Archbishop George Stack who made the renovation work possible through his support for the Cathedral.

In all aspects the numerous challenges, particularly by still grappling with the effects of COVID 19 and paucity of funds, we are making good progress in our pastoral life, sufficient for us to say, with joy, that we have kept the faith!

Let us all remember with love and affection those parishioners who were called to their eternal reward during the year. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

*I wish you the joy of the season of
Christmas in prayer.*

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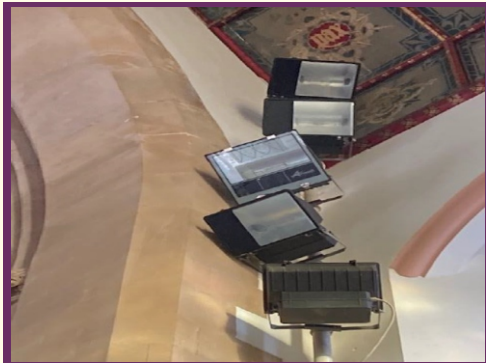


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