

## **Limerick schools play their part in Catholic Schools Week celebrations**

Limerick schools are putting their best foot forward this week in the global celebration of Catholic Schools Week with a range of events, including a special celebration in music, song and prayer by some 700 students at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

The 40 minute prayer service, which drew together children from six schools from the parish, was one of the highlights of the week-long celebrations across the diocese to mark the unique role of schools in the development of our young people.

In all, some 20,000 primary and secondary schools students from more than 130 schools across the county are holding events to mark the week-long celebration, which finishes on Sunday next.

The Prayer Service held in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Tuesday was one of the highlights, being the largest event held in the diocese since Catholic Schools Week was established four years ago and one of the largest in the country during this week's celebrations. Among those in attendance at Tuesday's event was Diocesan Administrator Tony Mullins.

The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week is 'Christ's Living Body Active in Our World' and the week officially began on Sunday last. A series of assemblies and activities are being held to celebrate the Feasts of St. John Bosco, St. Brigid and St. Blaise, the Feast of the Presentation and Grandparents Day.

Other activities will include celebrating our Christian heritage by making St. Brigid's crosses and visits to local sites such as wells and graveyards. During this week our Catholic schools celebrate as part of the Christian community's effort to truly be Christ's Body active in our world.