Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick



Parish Newsletter 9/10 December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O come, O come, Emmanuel To free your captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel To you shall come Emmanuel

COLLECTION BASKETS AT WEEKEND MASSES: The practice of passing the baskets through the seats has resumed. This will happen during the offertory of the mass only and the weeks when there are two collections both offerings will be collected at that time. We need some volunteers to help ensure that this runs smoothly. If you are in a position to help, please give your name to Margaret, our Sacristan, and let her know your usual Mass time.

HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS: Come along for tea / coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on each Wednesday. A date for your diary is Wednesday 20 December for a special Christmas celebration. Our thanks to Marian and her team.

A SEASON OF OPPORTUNITIES, a series of Advent talks at Glenstal Abbey, each Sunday up to Christmas. This Sunday 10 December 'Prepare the Way for the Lord!' with John O'Callaghan OSB. The talks take place at 4.30pm in the Library followed by refreshments and Vespers at 6pm. Donation €20; Email:events@glenstal.com or call 061-621005

FAMILY MASS: It is lovely to see so many families at our monthly Family Mass. Our December Family Mass is this Sunday 10 December at 11.30am. Those who have agreed to help lead prayers are asked to come early please. Don't forget to come to the Parish Centre for tea and chat afterwards.

REMEMBRANCE TREE: The cards for the Remembrance Tree are in the basket at the foot of the tree. Please fill in a card with the names of those who will be away from home and who you would like included in our Parish prayers during the Christmas Season and hang it on the Remembrance Tree.

The **ADVENT WREATH** is a circle of evergreens, a symbol of God's eternal love for us. Fastened to the wreath are five candles standing upright, at equal distances. These candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, symbolising the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. A rose or pink candle is lit for the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The fifth, a white candle, placed

in the middle of the wreath, represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday 12 December in the Parish Centre at 8 pm. (Note the time change)

VOICES OF LIMERICK

present

CAROLS AND SEASONAL READINGS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: COLETTE DAVIS SOPRANO: EVE STAFFORD ORGANIST: PAUL COLLINS

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2022 at 6:45 (after the 6 pm Vigil Mass

ALL WELCOME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9th	18:00	Humphrey Murphy (A)
		Henry Morris (A) & deceased
		members of the Morris Family
		Jackie & Brid Gore (A)
		Liam O'Leary (A)
		Fiona O'Leary (A)
		James & Patricia Irwin (A)
Sun 10 th	10:00	Dermot Walsh (A)
	11:30	Hilary & Eileen Loughnane (A)
		Rosaleen & Michael Casey (A)
		Ann & Paddy O'Sullivan (A)
Mon 11 th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 12 th	10:00	Rita Fitzgibbon (A)
		Jerry O'Sullivan Baker (A)
		Helen O'Sullivan (Rem)
Wed 13 th	10:00	Micheál Óg Meaney (A)
Thurs 14th	10:00	Paddy & Kathleen Finucane (A)
Fri 15 th	10:00	Mary Finucane (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 16 th	18:00	Carmel Custy (A)
		Josie Morris (A)
Sun 17 th	10:00	Michael Gleeson (A)
	11:30	Jim & Rose Hurley (Rem)
		John Collins (A)