


<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Lent</b></p>		<p><b>Parish Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE TAKE ONE</b></p>
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**We are being counted**

Starting this weekend and for three weekends in March, at the request of Bishop Brendan Leahy, the attendance at all Masses in the parish is being counted. The purpose is to see how many are coming regularly to each Mass, so as to inform decision-making for future diocesan arrangements.

**Events during Lent**

On Tuesdays from 7:30 pm, Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. is giving a series of Lenten Talks in the Parish Centre on the theme: How we can help Celebrate and Renew our Catholic Faith.

On Fridays during Lent, Br. James Dormer leads a Way of the Cross after the 10:00 am Mass. This is streamed live.

A series of talks under the heading: Training for Living Well continues at Glenstal Abbey on Sundays from 4:30 pm and is streamed live. See the Glenstal website for details.

Trócaire Boxes for the Lenten Appeal are available in Church.

**World Youth Day**

A pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal is being organised by the Diocese of Limerick; July 31 to August 08. World Youth Day is a world-wide gathering of young people, focused on Christ, meeting with each other and with Pope Francis. See poster on our parish website. Interested parishioners are invited to speak with Fr. McAuliffe in the first instance.

**Reflections**

The story of the Samaritan woman [in today's Gospel] is not only a reflection on our thirst for God but also on God's thirst for us. Jesus's opening request to the woman: 'Give me a drink' suggests not only His physical thirst but also His deeper thirst, God's thirst to bring us into an encounter with the living God. **Martin Hogan.**

The invitation is the same for us today - we are invited to put down our excuses and to discuss with Jesus what torments us, to open ourselves to His peace. **Sr. Mary Bridget.**

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So, if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy. If you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. **St. Peter Chrysologous.**

Do you wish your prayer to fly towards God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving. **St. Augustine.**

Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. **Pope Francis.**

**St. Patrick's Day**

On Friday next, 17 March 2023, we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick, missionary bishop and patron of Ireland. On this Day of Prayer for Emigrants, we pray for all Irish emigrants and for those among us who live far from their homelands, that God may grant them protection and peace.

**Vigil Mass on Thursday at 6:00 pm;  
Mass on Friday at 10:00 & 11:30 am.**

**Theology on Tap**

Under this heading and organised by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Limerick, Eamonn Barron will make a presentation entitled: Reflections on Faith and Mental Health on Tuesday 28 March at 7:30 pm in Bobby Byrne's.

**Forthcoming Pilgrimages**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 22 to 27 June 2023. Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy. Flights from Shannon. Organised by Joe Walsh Tours in conjunction with the Diocese of Limerick. For contact details, see poster on our parish website.

**Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 22 to 27 June 2023. An online application process has been opened for young people, aged 16 years and over, who may wish to travel to France with others from the Limerick Diocese. See poster and contact details on our parish website under Events.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** 20 to 27 July. Led by Bishop Eamon Martin, this is open to pilgrims from all dioceses. Flights from Dublin. Contact Joe or Maureen McLaughlin by telephone on 0044 2890 701606 or 0044 7711 808207.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	18:00	Deceased members of the Quaid family; Dan Healy (A); Tom Cahill
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	
	11:30	Monica Ryan (A); Donal, Norrie & Joe Gilligan (A); Betty O'Shea; Gerard Barry
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	Catherine Phelan (A)
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	& 18:00
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	& 11:30
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	18:00	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	Deirdre O'Donnell & Tess Doyle
	11:30	Joe McGrath (A); Dr. Jimmy Ledwith (1 <sup>st</sup> A)

<p><b>Mass Times:</b> Daily Mass – Mon to Fri – 10:00 Sat Vigil &amp; Eve of Holy Day – 18:00 Sunday &amp; Holy Day – 10:00 &amp; 11:30</p> <p><b>Baptisms:</b> Sat 17:00 &amp; Sun 12:15 by appointment</p> <p><b>Marriages:</b> by appointment</p>	<p><b>Priests:</b> Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. tel - 061 324825 Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel - 087 2997733</p> <p><b>Adoration:</b> First Friday 10:30 to 11:30 except when there is a funeral</p> <p><b>Parish Website:</b> www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie</p>	<p><b>Parish Clerk:</b> Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy tel - 061 325 288</p> <p><b>Office Hours:</b> Mon - Fri 09:00 to 09:45 &amp; Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30</p> <p><b>Church Open for Private Prayer:</b> Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00</p>
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