

## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick



Newsletter

Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie)

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of the Rosary Conference

The Conference members are grateful for the very generous donations received for their Christmas Appeal. The Conference provided food vouchers to 160 families and fuel to 90 families over the Christmas period. We also assisted a number of students with education costs. We are very appreciative of your continuing support as we rely on it to give ongoing assistance to those in need. Our sincere thanks to all of you.

### Visiting the Church

The Church remains closed during Mass times and is private for funerals. Otherwise, it is open from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm from Mon. to Sat. for individual visits and personal prayer. You may enter by the side door near the Sacristy. Please use the hand sanitiser, wear a face covering, and observe social distancing.

Some boxes of Collection Envelopes remain to be picked up from the front seats in the Church. The letter box on the inner door of the Sacristy may be used to return collection envelopes and to arrange Masses for anniversaries and other intentions.

We continue to celebrate Mass at the usual times but without a congregation. All Masses are streamed live.

Funeral Masses are streamed live because of limits on attendance in person. If a member of the bereaved family cannot view a Mass at the time of broadcast, we may be able to obtain a recording for later viewing provided we have advance notice of about 24 hours.

### Ash Wednesday & the Season of Lent

On Wednesday next, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, we begin the Season of Lent with our observance of Ash Wednesday. Traditionally marked by prayer and fasting, Lent is essentially a time of preparation for Easter and reflection upon the Resurrection.

Lenten Packs: A number of Lenten Packs have been prepared and they will be available for collection in the Church on Ash Wednesday. Each pack contains a Lenten prayer, a Trócaire box and an envelope with dry ashes. Please take one, if you can. Collect one for a friend who may not be able to get out.

The Lenten Prayer is as follows:

*Lord, let Your Spirit guide us in your commandments  
Let your Spirit open our voices to proclaim your love  
Let your Spirit fill us with energy and life  
Let your Spirit come to us in mercy and forgiveness  
Amen.*

The Wearing of Ashes: Having ashes blessed and applied to one's forehead is a long-standing tradition as a sign of our creation from dust and a symbol of penance. This year, as we cannot have the usual distribution of ashes with Mass in the Church, you may use the ashes from your Lenten Pack for each other at home or indeed for yourself. You may say these words when applying ashes to the forehead:

*Repent and be faithful to the Gospel.*

Stations of the Cross on Fridays: Starting on Friday next, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021, and for each Friday during Lent, Br. James will lead a Way of the Cross after the 10:00 am Mass. This will be streamed live from the Ambo.

### Covid-19 & Vaccination

See the HSE website at [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) for the latest information on the rollout of coronavirus vaccines. Persons who are most at risk will be offered vaccination first. It is made available free of charge.

Vaccine rollout has begun with healthcare workers and for residents of long-term care facilities. The next cohort, people aged 85 years and over, will be offered vaccination from next week. You can expect to be contacted by your doctor. Other age groups will be invited in turn.

You may discuss your situation with a healthcare professional if you have any allergies, if you've previously had allergic reaction to vaccine, if you have Covid or Covid symptoms or fever. The HSE operates a telephone helpline, 1850 24 1850, Mon. to Fri. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm; Sat. & Sun. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	18:00	Helen Clooney (A) Mary Mulcahy Thomas & Bridget Mulcahy
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00 11:30	<i>St. Valentine's Day</i> Pat Ebrill (A)
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	John Mc Cormack
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Eamon Lowe Rec.Dec. Frank Prendergast (A)
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	18:00	Aidan Larkin (A) Mollie O'Carroll (A)
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10:00 11:30	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Michael Cleary (A)

### Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of George O'Grady, who died recently. We remember Michael Cooke, Tommy Sparling, Fin Fielding, Maureen Griffin and Mary O' Sullivan. May they rest in peace.