

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick

Newsletter for 14th March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Church News

The Church is open for individual visits from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Saturday, except when funeral Masses are being celebrated in private.

We have Stations of the Cross after 10:00 am Mass on Fridays during Lent. Trócaire Boxes are available for collection in the Church. Donations for St. Vincent de Paul may be delivered to the Sacristy.

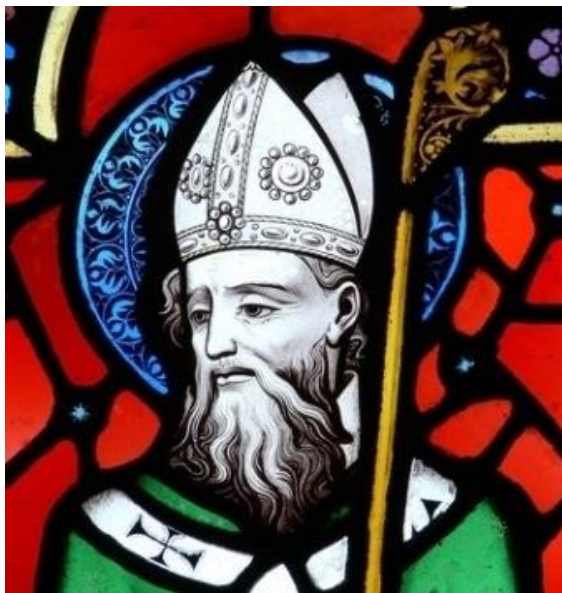
The Catholic Bishops have asked the government to increase the number of mourners, who are allowed to attend funeral Masses, as the current restrictions are very difficult for grieving families.

Fr. Chris Hayden of the Diocese of Ferns, writing in The Irish Times on Tuesday 9th March, has challenged the government on continuing restrictions which keep Churches closed to public worship. He points out that the government's commitment to consider the resumption of services sometime after 5th April means that Catholics will miss out on the opportunity to gather for the solemn season of Easter. He asks why is it not possible to have limited participation in Church services, with all due precautions, for the important days of Holy Week and Easter.

Mother's Day

We celebrate Mother's Day on 14th March. Let us remember today all our mothers, both living and dead, their care for us and their goodness in our lives.

"Our Lady ... gives the Church the feel of a home, a home in which the God of newness dwells. Let us receive with amazement the mystery of the Mother of God." [Pope Francis, 2019]



St. Patrick's Day

On Wednesday, 17th March, we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland. With live events cancelled for a second year, we have no parade in town after Mass. We must forego the pleasure of standing in the cold watching the marching bands!

Instead, the St. Patrick's Festival for 2021 will be presented online. Various artists and performers will feature in a series of events from March 12th to 17th. For details, see the website www.stpatricksfestival.ie. Programmes will also be broadcast on Oireachtas TV.

Confirmation 2021

The Diocese of Limerick will hold a pre-sacramental webinar for parents of children who intend receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 on Tuesday the 23rd March from 7 to 8 pm. It will be presented by Dr Patricia Kieran. You may register for the webinar on the diocesan website up to 19th March.

Leaving Certificate 2021

The online portal for Leaving Certificate candidates will be open until 16th March. Students must register subjects and levels and, for each subject, whether they wish to take an examination, to have an accredited grade or both. See the department website for details.

Feast of Saint Joseph

On Friday next, 19th March, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, husband of Our Lady, guardian of the Holy Family and patron saint of fathers.

"St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families." [Pope St. John Paul II, 1981]

"Dear fathers, happy Feast of St. Joseph! Follow his example when caring for your children as they grow up in wisdom and grace." [Pope Francis, 2018]

Mass Intentions

Sat 13 th Mar	18:00	Gerard Barry
Sun 14 th Mar	10:00	Marie Dillon Rec.Dec.
	11:30	Betty O'Shea
		Dan Healy (A)
Mon 15 th Mar	10:00	Pro Popolo
		Catherine Phelan
Tue 16 th Mar	10:00	Drew Dolan Rec.Dec.
	18:00	
Wed 17 th Mar	10:00	& 11:30
Thu 18 th Mar	10:00	Charles & Nora Brosnan (A)
Fri 19 th Mar	10:00	Tommy Sparling Rec.Dec.
Sat 20 th Mar	18:00	Anne Keane (A)
		Deirdre Higgins O'Donnell
Sun 21 st Mar	10:00	Josephine McNamara (A)
	11:30	Donal, Norrie & Joe Gilligan
		Gerard Clery M.Mind

Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Dillon (née Curley), who died recently.