

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish NEWSLETTER 14/15 January 2023

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

- 1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
- 2. In the narrative John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
- 3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
- 4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you?

John Byrne OSA

AS THERE ARE MANY VIRUSES AROUND AT PRESENT TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND OTHERS WE REQUEST THAT YOU WEAR A MASK WHILE COMING TO MASS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2022/23

Fr. Des McAuliffe PP, Fr. Tom Ryan, CC Mary McEvoy, Chairperson, Anne Kennedy, Secretary, Bridie Burke, Fergal Deegan, Brian McCarthy, Elizabeth Mulvin, Margaret Naughton, Melanie O'Shea and Sarah Phillips

REPORT OF RECENT PARISH PASTORAL **COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Pastoral Council held its meeting on 10 January. The PPC would like to thank all those who volunteered their time and helped over the Christmas Season, in particular Roger Daly and his sons who decorated the church and assembled the Christmas tree and James McCarthy and helpers who built the Crib. They would also like to thank Karen Franklyn and family and all those who provided the music and singing which enriched the Christmas liturgy. Thank you also to those who organised and distributed the Envelopes. We rely on and thank all our volunteers for their valued contribution to our parish.

We encourage all to join in the singing with our cantors, the parish is to increase its supply of hymnals for use during Mass. As St Augustine said 'he who sings prays twice'.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED:

This Sunday at 11:30, Mass will be celebrated for **US** the Bereaved. The Celebrant will be Fr. Colm Meaney C.Ss.R.

While most people find the acuteness of their grief lessens overtime, adjusting to the absence of someone special is a lifelong process. We will all be bereaved at some time in our life; being able to share this experience and support each other can lessen the isolation of grief.

There has been a Bereavement Support Group in the Parish for the past 28 years. The group offers support to people who are bereaved and who would like to talk to someone. Prior to COVID the group met on the first Friday of each month in a confidential setting to speak with anyone who needed support. If you wish to speak to a member of the group in a confidential manner please contact Margaret in the sacristy and she will give you a name and a contact number.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We wish to thank those who volunteer to prepare the Parish Newsletter. Additional volunteers are needed for the Newsletter team.

Do you have a computer? Can you type and send an e-mail? The preparation of the Parish Newsletter involves collecting information / news and a list of Mass Intentions by Wednesday from the Sacristy. Typing it up and emailing it to St John's Parish office by Thursday, collecting the printed newsletters and bringing them to the church. Please contact the Sacristy with your contact details.

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Office Hours: 09:00 - 09:45 Weekdays

09:00 - 12.30 Sunday

MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14	18:00	Sarah McGarry (A)
		Michael, Willie & Bridie Ryan (A)
Sun 15	10:00	Paddy Quilligan (A)
		Frank Davis (A)
	11:30	All the Bereaved of the Parish
Mon 16	18:00	Anne O'Gorman (1 st A)
Tues 17	10:00	Dec. Mem. of the Finucane Family
Wed 18	10:00	Paddy & Kathleen Finucane (A)
		Mary Kenny (A)
Thur 19	10:00	Frank & Phylis McNamara(A)
Fri 20	10:00	Dec. Mem. of the McNamara Family
Sat 21	18:00	Eddie Gavin (A)
		Lawrence & Joan Cullinan (A)
Sun 22	10:00	
	11:30	Fergal Grimes (1 st A)
		Kathleen Finucane (A)