

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick



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Online Newsletter for 16th May 2021

The Ascension of The Lord

On weekdays, where the congregation is normally less than 50, we are using the centre aisle seats only, every second row. For the Vigil Mass on Saturday and for Sunday Masses, we are using the side aisles as well, making two pods of 50 each. Seating positions have been marked and cordoned off. Ushers will be on hand at the weekend for guidance.

Many of our parishioners have been vaccinated but others have only received the first dose and some are still waiting. Remember, the vaccine protects you against Covid-19 illness but it may not prevent you picking up the virus and passing it on to someone more vulnerable. We must continue to be vigilant.

If you are anyway uncomfortable about mixing with the larger groups, feel free to consider that you would be safer at a weekday Mass than at the weekend. In any case, do not come to Church if you have or suspect you have Covid-19.

For those who are unable to return to Church for the time being, we hope that you will join us online through the streaming service. Fr. Mc Auliffe has resumed his First Friday visits to the housebound.

Funerals and weddings are still regarded as private ceremonies with maximum attendance of 50 people. Individual Baptisms may be booked for Saturday at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 12:15 pm.

Fáilte Ar Ais

Fr. Mc Auliffe and Fr. Ryan are delighted to welcome you all back to attend Mass in the Parish Church. We trust that you are happy with the arrangements we have made for your safety, in accordance with public health guidelines. It is so wonderful to see you again, after such a long and difficult lockdown and to hear you respond to the prayers of the Mass, as we gather now in community for public worship.

Continuing Good Practice

Hand Hygiene: Please wash your hands before you leave home and as soon as you return. Use the hand sanitiser as you enter Church and again as you leave. Do not shake hands with each other. Try to minimise any touching of doors, handles and seats.

Face Covering: To protect each other from transmission of the virus, you are asked to wear a face mask, to cover your nose and mouth, both inside and around the Church, unless there is some reason why you cannot. Visors do not give adequate protection. Remember that you wear a mask to protect those around you and they wear masks to protect you.

Social Distancing: You must keep at least 2 metres from others at all times and in all directions. Although it is safer to be outdoors, you are asked not to congregate around the Church either before or after Mass. You will be indoors for 30-40 minutes.

Holy Communion: When approaching the Altar and returning to your seat, please take your time. Always hold back 2 metres from the person in front of you. The celebrant will advise as to how groups will approach and return to ensure necessary separation.

Feast Days

Tues. 18th May: Pope St. John I, martyr
Thurs. 20th May: St. Bernadine of Sienna, priest
Sat. 22nd May: St. Rita of Cascia, Italy

Buiochas

On behalf of the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary, we express our gratitude to Fr. Des and to Fr. Tom for your faithful service during this prolonged period of restriction. We know that it was not easy for you to celebrate Mass in these circumstances, to recite the prayers for an online congregation and to visualise our presence with you from home. We thank you both. We also thank the Readers, the Sacristan and others who helped to maintain such service.

Mass Intentions

Sat 15 th May	18:00	John & Sarah McNamara (A)
Sun 16 th May	10:00	<i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>
	11:30	<i>World Communications Day</i>
Mon 17 th May	10:00	Pro Popolo Barbara McCoolle (1 st Anniv) Joe & Martha Coffey
Tue 18 th May	10:00	George Reynolds Rec.Dec. Gerry Murphy (A)
Wed 19 th May	10:00	John Keane
Thu 20 th May	10:00	Michael & Patricia Carroll
Fri 21 st May	10:00	Margie Ryan R.I.P.
Sat 22 nd May	18:00	John Clifford (A)
Sun 23 rd May	10:00	
	11:30	<i>Pentecost or Whit Sunday</i>

Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Eileen O'Dea, Lilian Healy and Frances Gavin, who died recently.