

## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick

Newsletter for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week from Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> to Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 is designated as a special time of prayer for the Unity of Christians worldwide. The theme for this year, "*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*", comes from the Monastic Community of Grandchamp, Switzerland. This is a community of fifty sisters from different traditions and countries whose diversity may be seen as a living parable of communion. Links to prayer resources may be found on the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference.

### Living our Faith in a Time of Covid-19 Tips from Bishop Brendan Leahy

**TIP 1. Believe in Love.** First things first! Remember God who is Love. We can heed St Peter's advice to the First Christians: "Cast all your anxiety onto God, because he cares for you".

**TIP 2. Live the Present Moment.** We normally spend so much time revisiting the past or planning the dreams of the future, but easily forget to focus on the present. St. Thérèse of Lisieux used to say: "You know that to love you, Lord, I only have today."

**TIP 3. Love by Serving.** Be the first to love not waiting for others to love us. Pope Francis reminds us that service, in great part, means "caring for vulnerability, for the vulnerable members of our families, our society, our people".

[Extract from summary card of the Ten Tips. The full text of the Pastoral Letter is on the Diocesan website.]

### Staying at Home

Public health advice for this third wave of coronavirus is that we should all stay at home and limit our interactions with others as much as possible.

If you need assistance, call a neighbour, a friend or a relative rather than venturing out yourself. If you need attention for a medical condition or injury, do not neglect yourself. Call a doctor for best advice.

For advice on the pandemic and vaccine information, see the HSE website at [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie). The helpline number 1850 24 1850 is available Mon. to Fri. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm; Sat. & Sun. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

When you are able to get out, the Church is open on weekdays from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm for private visits. Be careful. Use hand sanitiser. Keep your distance.

### Garda Warning

Sadly, there are scam artists out there taking advantage of vulnerable people. Gardaí have issued a warning about rogue traders and bogus workmen operating in our area. Be careful of strangers calling to your home. Beware also of unsolicited phone calls.

### Celebration of Baptism

On Sunday last, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we were unable to have the usual gathering in Church to celebrate with all who were baptised in Our Lady of the Rosary in the past year. Instead, we remembered each child and each family during the Weekend Masses. We trust that families found it meaningful to join in remotely through the webcam.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	18:00	Michael, Bridie & Willie Ryan (A)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00 11:30	Maura Reale
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00	Deceased Members of the Brosnan Family
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00	Paddy Hartmann Rec.Dec.
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10:00	John Collins M.Mind
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10:00	Special Intention
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	18:00	
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00 11:30	Sheila & Joe Kirby (A)

Requests for anniversary Masses and other intentions may be placed through the letter box at the Sacristy.

### Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Sarah (Sadie) Stanley and Bernadette Dunne, who died recently.

### Parish Envelopes for 2021

We thank parishioners who have already taken Boxes of Envelopes for the Weekly Collection as it is more difficult than ever to get them out to households with the pandemic safety restrictions. Others remain to be picked up and you may do that whenever you feel safe to come outside and visit the Church.

### Charities and Community Groups

Fundraising by local charities and community organisations, whether through annual sponsored events or church-gate collections, has been severely curtailed during the past year of pandemic. Groups which you would normally support may still be quite active but with much depleted funds. If you are in a position to help, you might enquire directly with them and find a way of donating to good causes.