

### THE DEEP END *Lovingly prepared*

*'Making your Christmas cake in September is perfect, as too fresh a cake crumbles when cut.'*  
Mary Berry

My mother, like many of her generation, starts her Christmas preparations early. The first thing to be done is the Christmas cake – in our house this always took place over the Halloween break. I remember finding it strange to watch her lovingly prepare the fruit cake, only to hide it away in a tin for a couple of months. I laughed when I came across the above quote from food writer and TV presenter Mary Berry, as it pushes the Christmas preparation even earlier!

Every year we hear complaints that the lead – in to Christmas is starting earlier and earlier! We might not all be making cakes in September, but by Halloween we are certainly looking ahead to Christmas – thinking about what gifts to buy family and friends, checking out the decorations that have started to appear in the shops, perhaps even stockpiling tins of biscuits and boxes of chocolates. Many people sign up to Christmas clubs in order to spread the cost over the year. It's no wonder we often arrive at this time of year feeling like it's no time at all since last Christmas – it is never far from our minds.

As we enter Advent, we are invited now to turn our attention to our inner preparation for Christmas. We are waiting 'in joyful hope' both for Christ's birth and his return at the end of time. Taking some time each day to pray and reflect, perhaps to light the candles on your Advent wreath, will help us to focus on the wonderful mysteries that await us. **Triona Doherty**

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 30 NOV/1 DEC

This year's Christmas Appeal will take place after all Masses on **30<sup>th</sup> Nov/1<sup>st</sup> Dec**. Our Lady of the Rosary Conference has 11 Members; we meet weekly and visit families in need in the parish and in Moyross. The conference assists families with food, heating and education expenses during the year. Requests for assistance increase at this time of the year, particularly with fuel and utility bills.

We rely almost entirely on the generosity of the parishioners of the parish throughout the year and particular at this time of year.

We would like to thank each of you who give so generously to us throughout the year.

We wish you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

You are remembered in our prayers at our weekly meeting.

**THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will meet in our Parish Centre with those who have been bereaved on the **First Friday, 6 December** after **10.00 am Mass** to offer support in a relaxed friendly and confidential environment with a cup of tea/coffee.

**All are welcome**

### ADVENT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY 2019

**Here is the Lord: Come out to meet Him.**

A series of 3 talks on the first 3 Sundays of Advent (December 1st, 8th, 15th)  
Venue: Monastery Library – Glenstal Abbey at 4.30pm.

### CAROLS AND SEASONAL READINGS

with

#### VOICES OF LIMERICK

CONDUCTOR: COLETTE DAVIS

SOPRANO: EVE STAFFORD

ACCOMPANIST: PAUL COLLINS

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

on

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019

AT

7:30M

#### COLLECTION IN AID OF NOVAS

**(A voluntary organisation working with those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness)**

**VISITING THE SICK:** If you are aware of someone who is housebound or in hospital and would like a visit from Fr. McAuliffe or Fr. Ryan, please contact Margaret in the sacristy.

Also if you are aware of a relative, friend or neighbour who is unable to attend Mass and who would like to receive weekly Holy Communion please give contact details of the person and your own details to Margaret in the Sacristy.

### ADVENT TALKS

#### 'HOW TO ENJOY THE GIFT OF THE BIBLE'

Fr. Joe Hayes, SJ will present four Advent talks on the theme 'How to enjoy the gift of the Bible?' These talks will be held at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre beginning on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November and on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** The Confessional Room has now been renewed. There is an opportunity during Advent for the

Sacrament of Renewal each Saturday from 5:30 pm until 6.00 pm Mass.

### PARISH WEBSITE

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

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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

Saturday 09:45 Prayer Service

**BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00**

**Sunday 12:15**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Mike Madigan (A) Rose Manifold (M.M.) Catherine Lowney (A) Fr. Bryan Dalton (1 <sup>st</sup> A)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 11:30	Des Fry (A) Martin Phelan (A)
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	The McDonnell Family (A)
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Toomey Family (Int.)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	June Downey (Rec. Dec.)
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Olive O'Gorman (A)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Mary O'Malley (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:45 18:00	Prayer Service Henry Morris & Family (A) Jackie Gore & the Gore Family (A) Liam O'Leary (A) Dermot Walsh (A)
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Hilary & Eileen Loughlan (A) Margaret & Seamus Flanagan (A) Denis McMahon (A) Anne & Paddy O'Sullivan (A) Pat McNamara (A) Maureen Duffy (M.M.)

