



**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish,
Ennis Road, Limerick**

1 January 2023 – World Day of Peace

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**Office Hours: 09:00 - 09:45 Weekdays
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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



***Athbhliain faoi shéan 'is faoi
mhaise daoibh***

From

*Fr. Des, Fr. Tom, Margaret &
the Parish Council*

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on Friday, 6 January and it is a Holy Day of obligation. The Vigil Mass is **Thursday at 6.00 pm** and Masses on **6 January** are at **10.00 am** and **11.30 am**.

This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in

the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh and was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We are fascinated by the claim that this Christmas song was written when the Catholic faith was proscribed in England under severe penalties. It was a type of catechism to teach young Catholics the tenets of their Faith. The 'true love' refers to God Himself the 'me' who receives the gifts is the baptised Christian and the partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God

*The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus

*The 2 turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments

*The 3 French hens stand for faith, hope and charity

*The 4 calling/colly birds stand for four gospels

*The 5 gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (law) or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament

*The 6 geese a-laying stand for the 6 days of creation

*The 7 swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

*The 8 maids a milking are the 8 Beatitudes

*The 9 ladies dancing are the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit

*The 10 lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments

*The 11 pipers piping represent the 11 faithful Apostles.

*The 12 drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

BEREAVEMENT MASS: On Sunday 15 January at 11:30 Mass will be celebrated for **US** the Bereaved. The bereavement can be recent or in our past. All are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY hold their monthly collection next weekend on Sat/Sun 7/8 January at all Masses.

CHRISTMAS DUES: We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have returned their Christmas Offering Envelopes for the Priests and the Sacristan and all who are in the process of doing so. If you are contributing by cheque, please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'.

PARISH ENVELOPES 2023: Parish Envelopes for 2023 will be distributed this week. We acknowledge all who give to the Parish in whatever way that suits. We also encourage you, if you can, to consider giving through the Envelope System as the Parish receives tax refunds based on those contributions. Anyone who wishes to join the Envelope System should contact the Sacristy

MASS INTENTIONS (Mass each day as usual)

Sat 31	18:00	Ita Duffy (A)
Sun 1 Jan	10:00	
	11:30	
Thurs 5	18:00	
Fri 6	10:00	John & Christine Guirey (A)
	18:00	
Sat 7	18:00	Marie Heenan (A)
Sun 8	10:00	
	11:30	Liam O'Shanaghan (A)