

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick

Newsletter for 20th December 2020

Mass Times at Christmas

Christmas Eve: **4:00 pm; 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm**
Christmas Day: **8:00 am; 10:00 am & 11:30 am**
St. Stephen's Day: **10:00 am & 6:00 pm**
Sunday 27th Dec: **10:00 am & 11:30 am**

We want our parishioners, who are able to return to Mass at this time, to feel safe in our Church. We must continue to heed the public health advice to protect each other from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please wash your hands before you leave home and as soon as you return. Please use the hand sanitiser as you enter Church and again as you leave.

We can accommodate two groups of 50, using separate entrance doors and separate exits. That's 50 in the two blocks of seats to the left and 50 to the right. These groups must stay apart at all times.

Places in Church will be allocated on a 'first-come first-served' basis. Please heed the Ushers who will direct you to available seats. Doors will be closed when safe capacity has been reached.

Extra Masses have been arranged in order to spread the expected congregation. Consider which time is best and safest for you and whether you might switch from your usual Mass to one of the new times.

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.

Please observe social distancing, keeping at least 2 metres from others at all times. Two non-adjacent blocks will receive Communion first, then the other two. Please remain seated until called forward by the Ushers. Take your time; always hold back 2 metres from the person in front; stay safe.



Mass Intentions Celebrated in Church and Streamed Online www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

Sat 19 th Dec	18:00	William Hogan (1 st A) John Cosgrave (1 st A) Gerard McKeon (A) Liam & Mary Garrihy (A)
Sun 20 th Dec	10:00 11:30	Purgatorial Henry Morris (A) Tom Clohessy
Mon 21 st Dec	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 22 nd Dec	10:00	Purgatorial Mary O'Rourke (A) & her brother John Clifford Rem. & Clifford Family Dec.Mem.
Wed 23 rd Dec	10:00	Jimmy Cantillon Jack & Katy O'Connor (A)
Sat 26 th Dec	18:00	Christmas Rem. for Hartnett Murphy & Carroll Families
Sun 27 th Dec	10:00 11:30	Róisín Hayes M.Mind Jim & Rose Hurley Rem. Carmel & Geraldine Corbett

Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Paddy Hall and Eamon Lowe, who died recently.

From Advent to Christmas

The Angel's candle (purple) will be lit this weekend on the Advent Wreath and the white candle, symbolising the Light of Christ, will be lit at Christmas Masses.

Nollaig Shona agus Nollaig Naofa

On behalf of our priests, Fr. Des and Fr. Tom, our Sacristan, Margaret, and the Parish Pastoral Council: May you have a Happy and a Holy Christmas; May the Lord Bless you all and Keep you Safe.

Christmas Dues & Clerk's Collection

Dear Parishioner,
The past year has been an extraordinary year for everybody. Our Parish has managed to sustain its running costs due to previous giving. Since Christmas 2019, there has been no appreciable income to Margaret Clifford as Sacristan or ourselves as priests.

We hope that, in your giving for Christmas, you might take this reality into account. Thanking you again for your continued loyalty and generosity to our parish.
Yours Sincerely, Fr. Des Mc Auliffe

A Message from the Irish Bishops

The hope of Advent and the joy of Christmas inspire us to reach out to those in greatest need at this time. *Keep Christ at the Centre this Christmas* by bringing the hope and joy of his birth to people who are sick, isolated, lonely or poor. We are particularly conscious of those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic.

We keep in mind those for whom Christmas time may bring feelings of sadness – people coping with bereavement, families that cannot be together, those in care homes who can only have limited visits from their loved ones. Christmas can be difficult for Irish emigrants and migrants living in Ireland, who are unable to travel home. We pray that the time will come very soon when sorrow will ease and loving connections can be fully restored.