

## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick



Newsletter for 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### Pentecost Sunday

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created;  
And you will renew the face of the earth.**

### Returning to Church

So far, the return of parishioners to Mass is working well. You are being careful to observe the public health guidelines and the attendance is safely managed in separate pods.

- Seating positions are marked and cordoned off. Ushers will help you to find an empty seat at weekend Masses.
- At Communion time, people in different seating blocks come forward separately so as to avoid meeting in the aisles.
- When approaching the Altar and returning to your seat, please hold back 2 metres from the person in front of you.
- Individual Baptisms may be booked for Saturday at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 12:15 pm. Please contact the Parish Clerk or one of the priests.

## Eucharistic Ministry

For the time being, with reduced numbers attending Mass, we have just two distribution points for Holy Communion and we do not need to operate a rota of Eucharistic Ministers.

Until a higher level of vaccination has been achieved, we are not in a position to resume the weekly service of bringing Holy Communion to the housebound. We hope that the situation will be better in the Autumn. In the meantime, Fr. Mc Auliffe has resumed his First Friday visits to the housebound.

### First Communion & Confirmation

Confirmation for Boys: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7:30 pm  
Practice: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7:30 pm

Confirmation for Girls: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 pm  
Practice: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7:30 pm

Boys First Communion: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 11:00 am  
Practice: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7:30 pm

Girls First Communion: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 11:00 am  
Practice: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 pm

### Preparing for the Sacraments

Resources to help children prepare for the Sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation, are currently available on the Diocesan Website [[www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)]. These video presentations and lesson worksheets may be used at home or in school in the coming weeks.

### Public Health Advice

Although the vaccination programme is proceeding at pace, we are advised by the HSE to continue to observe the usual precautions. 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.

- Wash your hands frequently. Use the hand sanitiser as you enter Church and as you leave.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve. Bin used tissues and wash your hands.
- At home, open doors and windows as much as possible to let fresh air circulate.
- Wear a face mask, to cover your nose and mouth, both inside and around the Church.
- Your mask is worn to protect those around you and they wear masks to protect you.
- Keep 2 metres from others at all times. Avoid crowds. Do not congregate around the Church.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	18:00	John Clifford (A) George & Paul O'Byrne (A)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:00 11:30	Joe O'Leary (A)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Billy Finnegan R.I.P. John & Anne McNamara (A)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	John Clifford (A)
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Mick Whelan R.I.P.
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> May	18:00	Brid Brosnan (A)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 11:30	Frances O'Doherty (1 <sup>st</sup> A) Bob Keane Maureen McInerney

### Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Fergus Maher, Eileen O'Dea, Lilian Healy and Frances Gavin, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Editor's Note:** From the end of May, we will take a break from production of this online newsletter.