



Our Lady of the  
Rosary Parish

Limerick

Parish Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Vocations Sunday

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is also designated as a Day of Prayer for Vocations. His Holiness, Pope Francis, has issued a message which highlights three features from the life of St. Joseph - dream, service and fidelity - as key words for individual vocations.

“The first is *dream*. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals ... cannot satisfy. ... Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift.”

Pope Francis writes on *service*: “The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. ... Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity.”

He refers to the *fidelity* of Joseph in his daily perseverance, quietly serving God’s plan. This fidelity is nurtured in light of God’s faithfulness to us in our Christian vocation. Pope Francis mentions the words heard in a dream: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid” and he says: “They are words you will hear anew, at every step of your vocation”.

[The full text of the Pope’s message may be found on the website of the Catholic Bishops Conference]

## Church News

The Church remains closed during Mass time and is private for funerals. Otherwise, it is open from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm from Mon. to Sat. for individual visits and personal prayer.

The letter box on the inner door of the Sacristy may be used to return collection envelopes for Weekly Offerings, Easter Dues, etc. and to arrange Masses for anniversaries and other intentions. All Masses are streamed live from the Church webcam.

## Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is available once again on a controlled basis. We can take one family at a time but attendance must be limited to six persons. Please contact Fr. Des McAuliffe, Fr. Tom Ryan or Margaret Clifford, to make arrangements. The times are on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and on Sundays at 12:15 pm.

## First Communion and Confirmation

The Bishop of Limerick has announced that the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation may be celebrated across the diocese from the beginning of July. This is subject to government guidelines but the Bishop expects that dates can now be set, at least provisionally, in each parish. Fr. Mc Auliffe has written to the parents of the children concerned through the schools.

## Message from An Taoiseach

In a letter to Faith Leaders, dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, Micheál Martin has written as follows:

“I fully acknowledge the concerns of faith leaders and share your wish for a safe return to public worship. It was for this reason that Government has already indicated that we would review the recommencement of public worship, along with a number of other sectors, from 4<sup>th</sup> May. The extent of that recommencement will be informed by public health advice. I can assure you that the Government, when it

meets next week, will give careful and positive consideration to reopening Places of Worship in May.” [Extract]

## Feast Days

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April: St. Catherine of Siena  
(Patron of Europe)  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Our Lady of Africa  
St. Pope Pius V  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May: St. Joseph the Worker

## Mass Intentions

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	18:00	Brigid & Frank Murphy (A) Joe English
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	Joe English Rec.Dec.
	11:30	Mary Hogan (A) Paddy & Helen Keane
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	Marie Dillon Rec.Dec. Ray Barriscale (A)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	Ray Tighe (A) George Lynch (A)
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	Mary O’Sullivan Jack O’Sullivan Tony, Christina & Joseph Donovan Joseph & Brendan McNeilis
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	Marie Dillon Rec.Dec. Margaret Ryan Rec.Dec.
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> May	18:00	Joe English Rec.Dec.
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10:00	George Lynch (A)
	11:30	Eddie Grimes (A)

## Recently Deceased

We remember Margaret (Margie) Ryan, Annette Graham Sherlock and Anne Fahey, who died recently. We pray for all who have died in these difficult times, especially those who have relatives in our parish. May they rest in peace. We pray for bereaved families, for neighbours and friends, especially those who cannot get together now for mutual support.