

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick



Church News

Newsletter

Second Sunday of
Lent

28th February
2021

We continue to publish the Weekly Newsletter online and we are pleased to have received positive feedback from parishioners. Many of you are reading it from the website and some are printing copies for neighbours who do not have internet access.

The Church remains closed during Mass times and is private for funeral services. All Masses are streamed live because of restrictions on attendance.

With a stretch in the evenings, we have extended the opening hours, now from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm each day, for individual visits and personal prayer.

Bishops Meet with An Taoiseach

An Taoiseach has met with the four Archbishops of the Catholic Church to discuss the current level of Covid-19 restrictions and the Church's desire to return to worship, in particular during the season of Lent and with the approach of Holy Week and Easter.

Recognising the huge challenges which the pandemic poses, the Archbishops emphasised that they wish to continue supporting the public health message and to encourage all necessary measures, including vaccination, to protect health and well-being.

They shared their concern that life at present is particularly stressful and difficult for people to endure, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

Recognising the spiritual comfort and hope that participation in public worship brings, the Archbishops expressed a strong desire that people might gather safely this year for the important ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter.

Micheál Martin thanked the Archbishops for their support and acknowledged the importance of the Church community in people's lives at this time of stress and worry. He outlined the ongoing concerns regarding the spread of the virus, stressing that any increase in mobility can have serious consequences for public health. He said the concerns raised at the meeting would be given consideration.

Stations of the Cross

On each Friday during Lent, Br. James Dormer leads a Way of the Cross after the 10:00 am Mass.

Prayer at each Station: *We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

School Enrolment 2021

At the JFK Boys Primary School, enrolment is now underway for new entrants to Second Class in September 2021. For further details, see the school website at www.jfkmemorialschool.com.

Lenten Appeal for Trócaire

Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Their Lenten Appeal through parishes is a significant part of their annual fundraising. Trócaire Boxes are available at Our Lady of the Rosary and in other Churches. Donations may also be made online at www.trocaire.org or by post to Trocaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Diocesan News

Bishop Brendan Leahy has issued a statement to mark the beginning of Lent with the title: A Time to Dream,

Discern and Donate. The full text is on the diocesan website. Here is the passage on discernment:

Discern. The first step in the world changing begins in my heart. Each of us has to discern; that is work out what's the right thing to do moving forward. I believe COVID has been a time when we've heard many whispers in our heart suggesting how we might live our life in a way that's different – whether it be with regard to our family life, our work-balance life, our care of creation and our recognition of how interconnected we all are.

Let Lent be a decision-making time for us. Can I make a suggestion? Why not read a wonderful book by Pope Francis *Let us dream, the Path to a Better Future*. It's edited by a journalist, Austin Ivereigh, and is available in paperback or on kindle. In this book, the Pope guides us like a spiritual director, helping us discern the right direction to take in life. And Lent is all about re-setting the compass of our lives.

Mass Intentions

Sat 27 th Feb	18:00	Kitty & Matty Cooney
Sun 28 th Feb	10:00	Denis Mulcahy Rec,Dec.
	11:30	Peggy Flanagan (A) Seán, Kitty & Celine Penny Eva & Donie Finucane
Mon 1 st Mar	10:00	<i>St. David, patron of Wales</i> Pro Popolo
Tue 2 nd Mar	10:00	Sr. Benedict Rec.Dec. Stephen Cleary Rec.Dec.
Wed 3 rd Mar	10:00	
Thu 4 th Mar	10:00	
Fri 5 th Mar	10:00	Mick Hurley (A) Nellie O'Sullivan Baker (A)
Sat 6 th Mar	18:00	Patricia Donnellan (1 st A)
Sun 7 th Mar	10:00	Bridget Cantillon
	11:30	Mc Donald Family

Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Gerard Clery and Martin Griffin, who died recently.