

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick



Online Newsletter for 2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The government has just announced a significant easing of Covid-19 restrictions. From Monday 10th May, Churches will reopen for public worship with congregations of up to 50 people. As well as for daily and weekend Masses, this means that up to 50 may attend wedding ceremonies and funerals.

We are delighted to be able to welcome our parishioners into the Church once more but we must be ever vigilant. The coronavirus is still spreading in our community. The number of new cases being announced each day is quite high. Remember what happened in December. Let's be careful not to risk another wave of serious illness and death.

When you return to Church, please use the hand sanitisers and wear a face covering. Designated seating areas will be indicated as before. Please observe social distancing in and around the Church and remember to keep 2 metres back from others when approaching for Holy Communion.

While many of our parishioners have been vaccinated against Covid-19, others have only received the first dose and many are still waiting. We must continue to be careful especially in social gatherings.

For those who are unable to return to Church for the time being, we hope that you will join us online through the streaming service. Fr. Mc Auliffe intends to resume his monthly visits to those who are housebound from the beginning of May.

Preparing for Sacraments

The Sacrament of Baptism is available again on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and on Sundays at 12:15 pm. Please contact Fr. Des McAuliffe, Fr. Tom Ryan or Margaret Clifford, to make arrangements.

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. Our Parish Priest, Fr. Mc Auliffe, has written to the parents of the children concerned through the schools.

Feast Days

Monday 3rd May: St. Philip & St. James, apostles

Tuesday 4th May: St. Conleth, bishop of Kildare

Wednesday 5th May: Blessed Edmund Rice

Saturday 8th May: Blessed John Sullivan SJ

Edmund Ignatius Rice

Born in Callan, Co. Kilkenny, in 1762, Edmund Rice became a successful businessman in Waterford. Following the death of his wife, Mary Elliot, in a tragic accident just a few years after they were married, Edmund Rice began a ministry to the poor by starting a school for boys. As he was joined by others in this work, he laid the foundations of a religious community, building a monastery and a school in 1802 at Mount Sion in Waterford City. In two classrooms of about 100 boys each, the main subjects were reading, writing, arithmetic and religion. Some pupils were also taught bookkeeping, geography and navigation.

In time, Edmund Rice had founded two recognised congregations, The Presentation Brothers and The Christian Brothers. He died in 1844 and he was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1996.

[Source: Edmund Rice Schools Trust; www.erst.ie]

Mass Intentions

Sat 1 st May	18:00	Joe English Rec.Dec.
Sun 2 nd May	10:00	George Lynch (A)
	11:30	Michael Cotter (A)
		Eddie Grimes (A)
Mon 3 rd May	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 4 th May	10:00	Mena Bonnewitz Rec.Dec.
		Emmett Ryan (3 rd Anniv)
Wed 5 th May	10:00	Sr. Seraphina (A)
		Eileen Griffin (1 st Anniv)
Thu 6 th May	10:00	Margaret Ryan Rec.Dec.
Fri 7 th May	10:00	Barbara Mc Coole Rec.Dec.
Sat 8 th May	18:00	Michael & Margaret Shearin (A)
Sun 9 th May	10:00	Tom Costello (A)
	11:30	Margaret Ryan M.Mind

A Prayer for India

I will say of the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust'.
God of power and might we lift our brothers and sisters in India to you.
We pray for your protection,
We pray for your provision,
We pray for the nations of earth to have compassion.

When people are in need, you are our refuge.
When people are scared, you are our refuge.
When people are mourning, you are our refuge.
Compassionate God, draw close to those who seek your refuge today. Amen.

[Source: Christian Aid; www.christianaid.org.uk]