

## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick

Newsletter for 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Lá Fhéile Bríde - Feast of St. Brigid

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, we celebrate the feast of St. Brigid, abbess of Kildare and patron of Ireland. In Irish tradition, it is the first day of Spring. The Met Éireann people will point out that we still have rather wintery weather and should wait until March for Spring. As we wait until March for some relief from the restrictions, which are in place to curb the spread of coronavirus, let us at least observe the daffodils springing up around us and take some hope and cheer from the signs of new growth in nature.

*Anois teacht an earraigh,  
beidh an lá ag dul chun sineadh.  
Is tar éis na féile Bríde  
ardóidh mé mo sheol.*

We remember these lines from Antaine Ó Raifteirí, *an file*. While we cannot make plans to raise our sails or to travel to his native Co. Mayo, thinking about a better future might raise our spirits at this time.

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Also known as Candlemas Day, it is a time when we think of the light of Christ in our lives as symbolised by the use of blessed candles in Church and in our homes.

### Feast of St. Blaise

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, we celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. If we were able to attend Mass at this time, it is the occasion for the blessing of throats using two crossed candles. In the current situation, let us bless each other at home with these words:

*Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

If you are alone, as many are due to the pandemic, you might adapt the prayer of blessing for yourself: Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver me from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness.

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### Visiting the Church

Unfortunately, the Church remains closed during Mass times and is private for funerals. Otherwise, it is open on weekdays from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm for individual visits and personal prayer. You may enter by the side door near the Sacristy. Please use the hand sanitiser, wear a face covering, and observe social distancing from other visitors.

Some boxes of Collection Envelopes remain to be picked up from the front seat in the Church. Any outstanding contributions to the Christmas Dues and for the Parish Clerk would be greatly appreciated.

The letter box on the inner door of the Sacristy may be used to return collection envelopes and to arrange Masses for anniversaries and other intentions. Please state date and time requested and include your own name and number for confirmation.

Our priests continue to celebrate Mass at the usual times but without a congregation in Church. All Masses are streamed live from the parish webcam.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	18:00	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10:00	
	11:30	Bill & Ena Leonard (A)
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10:00	Eamon Lowe Rec.Dec.
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10:00	Tim Joe Murphy (A) & Purgatorial
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Bernadette Clancy Rem.
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	18:00	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Eddie Cahill (A)
	11:30	

### Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas (Tommy) Sparling, William (Fin) Fielding, Maureen Griffin and Mary O' Sullivan, who died recently.

Let us remember Phyllis Flanagan, Joe Woods, Noreen Gilligan, Noel Hickey, Marie Costelloe, Sadie Stanley, Bernadette Dunne and Paddy Hartmann.

We are struck by the number of deaths in and around the parish in recent weeks and by the extra sadness of having funeral services confined to such small numbers. With the above names, all from January, there may be others of whom we did not hear, with family connections in the parish. It is a very difficult time for bereaved families, who in their grief cannot have the usual supportive interaction with relatives and friends. May our loved ones rest in peace and may our families be consoled.