

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick



Newsletter

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

7th February 2021

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During Covid-19 Lockdown

The Church remains closed during Mass times and is private for funerals. Otherwise, it is open from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm from Mon. to Sat. 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.

Some boxes of Collection Envelopes remain to be picked up from the front seat in the Church. Your contributions to the Christmas Dues are much appreciated by the priests and by the sacristan.

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.

We continue to celebrate Mass at the usual times but without a congregation. All Masses are streamed live.

Our Lady of Lourdes

On Thursday next, 11th February 2021, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In these times, when many are missing the possibility of making a pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine, the following prayer has been recommended by the Irish Bishops.

Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes,
you appeared at the grotto of Massabielle
to Bernadette, a simple shepherdess.

You brought her the radiant light of your smile,
the gentle, resplendent brightness of your presence.
Day by day, you built a relationship with her
where you gazed at her gently as one person talking to
another.

We, too, come before you in our poverty,
and we humbly pray to you.
May those who doubt discover the joy of trust.
May those who despair sense your discreet presence.

Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes,
you revealed your name to Bernadette
by simply saying "I am the Immaculate Conception".
May we discover the joy of a forgiveness that never
falters.

Instil in us the desire for a rediscovered innocence
and a joyful holiness.

Help the blinded sinner.

You who gave birth to the Saviour of the world,
look tenderly on our beautiful but tragic world.

Open in us the path of hope,

Guide us to the One who is the Living Source,
Jesus, your Son, who teaches us to call God Father.

World Day of the Sick

It is fitting that the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11th Feb. 2021, is also to be observed as World Day of the Sick. The designation of such a special day each year was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992 and marked for the first time in 1993.

The following extracts are taken from the message of His Holiness, Pope Francis, for this 29th World Day of the Sick. The full text may be found on the website of the Conference of Irish Catholic Bishops.

Dear brothers and sisters,

"The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the

worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern."

"The experience of sickness makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God. When we are ill, fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities or life's incessant worries. Sickness raises the question of life's meaning, which we bring before God in faith."

"Yet the pandemic has also highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour. A silent multitude of men and women, they chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family."

Mass Intentions

Sat 6 th Feb	18:00	Paddy Hartmann Rec.Dec.
Sun 7 th Feb	10:00	Eddie Cahill (A)
	11:30	
Mon 8 th Feb	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 9 th Feb	10:00	Jeremiah & Ellen Kehily RIP
Wed 10 th Feb	10:00	
Thu 11 th Feb	10:00	<i>World Day of the Sick</i>
Fri 12 th Feb	10:00	Frank & Teddy Kehily RIP
Sat 13 th Feb	18:00	Helen Clooney (A)
		Mary Mulcahy
		Thomas & Bridget Mulcahy
Sun 14 th Feb	10:00	<i>St. Valentine's Day</i>
	11:30	Pat Ebrill (A)

Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Cooke, who died recently. May he rest in peace.