

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish  
Limerick**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Parish Newsletter  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**PLEASE TAKE ONE**

**Collection Baskets at Weekend Masses**

We could do with a few more volunteers to help ensure the smooth running of the Offertory Collection at Mass each weekend. If you are in a position to help passing the baskets, please have a word with Margaret in the Sacristy.

**Parish Envelopes for 2024**

We are grateful to all who collected and distributed the Boxes of Envelopes for 2024, for parishioners who contribute to the Weekly Collection in this manner. If you are not already in the Envelope System, you might please consider it as the tax advantage to the Parish is considerable. To join, simply give your name and contact details to our Sacristan.

**Feast Days during the Week**

**St. John Bosco – Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan:** We remember the founder of the Salesian Order and we celebrate the presence of the Salesian Sisters in our parish.

**Lá Fhéile Bríde - St. Brigid – Thur. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb:** We celebrate the Abbess of Kildare and Patron of Ireland. In Irish tradition, it is the first day of Spring.

**The Presentation of the Lord – Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** The Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas Day 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 – Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** On the feast of St. Blaise, it is a long-standing tradition that we have our throats blessed, using two crossed candles, with these words of prayer.

*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.*

**Parish and Community Notes**

**Parish Ministries:** Parishioners, who would like to be Ministers of the Eucharist or Ministers of the Word, are always welcome. Let us have your name and contact details and we will be in touch. Those who have previously served are also welcome to return to the active roster.

**Parish Groups:** As several groups have resumed activities, you have opportunities to come along to meetings, to follow your interests with fellow parishioners and to help with organisation. To advertise events in the weekend newsletter, let us know by 10:00 am on Wednesday, at the latest.

**Hospitality on Wednesdays:** Don't forget to come along for tea / coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesday next 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. and every Wednesday. Special thanks to Anne and her team.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** This practice on the First Friday of each month - from the 10:00 am Mass until 11:30 am - will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Support in Bereavement:** The Parish Bereavement Support Group will meet with those who have been bereaved on the first Friday of each month at 10:30 am to offer support in a relaxed and friendly environment. The next meeting is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the Parish Centre with tea / coffee included. You are welcome to join us at any time.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** The monthly collection for the local conference will be taken up after each Mass next weekend, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024.

**Diocesan Events**

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:** An 8-week programme which helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the 'big picture' of the Bible, aided by a unique colour-coded Bible Timeline Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events in chronological order.

Pauline Maher, with Mossy Hynan & Paudie Hurley, will run the programme from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, including an engaging video presentation, followed by lively group discussion over a cup of tea / coffee. Beginners are welcome; bible knowledge is not necessary.

Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's, Corbally, V94 925C. Cost: €40 including course materials. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnlockingBibleMystery>.

**Catechesis Training with Dominican Sisters:** The Dominican Sisters in Limerick will be offering Level 1 Catechesis Training sessions for Adult Formation for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - a Montessori based method of catechesis for children 3-12 years old.

The training will be held at St. Saviour's Parish, 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024. For more information, you may email Sr. Mary Emily, O.P. at [limerick@op-tn.org](mailto:limerick@op-tn.org).

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	18:00	John Moloney (MM); Kitty & Mattie Cooney (A); Thomas Sparling (A)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00	Eddie Cahill (A)
	11:30	Eddie Gavin (A); Emilie & Barry O'Sullivan (A); Mary Quinlivan (A)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00	Noreen Gilligan (A)
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10:00	
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10:00	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10:00	Nellie Organ & Family (A)
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	18:00	Paddy Madden (MM); Sheila Fitzsimons (1 <sup>st</sup> A); Gerard Fitzsimons (A); Nora Bennis (A); Michael & Marie Cooke (A)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Tim Joe Murphy (A)
	11:30	Mary Onslow (A); Marie Hunt; Kathleen Fahey (A); Gerard Neville (A); Dermot Smalle (A)