

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish  
Limerick**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday of the Word of God**



**Parish Newsletter**

**26 January 2025**

**PLEASE TAKE & READ**

**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 29 Jan. and every Wednesday. Special thanks to Anne and her team for this social occasion.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The monthly collection for the local conference will be taken up after each Mass next weekend, 01 / 02 February.

**Catholic Publications**

Copies of the Irish Catholic are available in the church porch. News Feeds from iCatholic and Catholic News are available on the parish website. There is also a link to the Diocese of Limerick at the bottom of our homepage.

**Forthcoming Feast Days**

**St. John Bosco – Friday 31 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 – Saturday 01 Feb:** We celebrate the Abbess of Kildare and Patron of Ireland. In the Irish tradition, it is the first day of Spring.

**The Presentation of the Lord – Sunday 02 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 the church and in our homes.

**Feast of St. Blaise – Monday 03 Feb:** On the feast of St. Blaise, it is a long-standing tradition that we have our throats blessed, using two crossed candles.

**Bible Study with Dominican Sisters**

The Dominican Sisters are hosting a Bible Study Course on the Book of Acts in the parish hall at St. Saviour's Church. Running on four Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, it started last week 22 Jan. Sorry for late notice but, if interested, you may join in for the remaining sessions until 12 Feb.

**Marriage Preparation Facilitators**

Accord is the Catholic Marriage Care Service, formerly known as CMAC. They are seeking to recruit volunteers for training as marriage preparation facilitators. If you would like to be part of the Accord team supporting couples in their preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, then Accord wishes to hear from you.

For further information, you may call 01 5053112 or send an email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie).

**Holy Year Prayer of Pope Francis**

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

**Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

This year's Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage is planned for 18 to 24 June 2025. Intended for young people, aged 16 years and over, who may wish to travel to France with others from the Diocese of Limerick. For further information, contact Karen at the Diocesan Office: tel. 061 350000.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 25 Jan	18:00	Lawrence & Joan Cullinan (A); Seán Hartigan (1 <sup>st</sup> A); Freddie Ware (A); Diana Gleeson (A); Tom Sparling (A)
Sun 26 Jan	10:00	
	11:30	Kevin O'Reilly (1 <sup>st</sup> A); Liam Ahern (A); Paddy Hartmann (A); Eddie Gavin (A)
Mon 27 Jan	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 28 Jan	10:00	Seán Ryan (MM)
Wed 29 Jan	10:00	Mary Fleetwood Ryan (Rec Dec)
Thur 30 Jan	10:00	
Fri 31 Jan	10:00	
Sat 01 Feb	18:00	Rose & Arthur Manifold
Sun 02 Feb	10:00	Mary Quinlivan (A); Eddie Cahill (A)
	11:30	Dermot Smalle (A); Hugh O'Brien (MM); Bill & Ena Leonard (A)

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