

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish  
Limerick**

**The Presentation of the Lord**



**Parish Newsletter**

**02 February 2025**

**PLEASE TAKE & READ**

**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.

*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.*

**Report from Parish Pastoral Council**

At the PPC meeting on 14 Jan. Canon Des said he was pleased with the construction of the Crib this Christmas which is easy to assemble and disassemble and store for next Christmas. He thanked the parishioner who suggested the idea and helped to build it; he also thanked those who helped decorate the church and assemble the Christmas tree and all those who helped with the liturgy and music during the Christmas Season.

It will soon be 75 years since Our Lady of the Rosary church was built and blessed in December 1950. We plan to mark the occasion in a small way following on from last year's 60th celebration of the formation of our parish.

We will have **Anointing of the Sick at 10:00 am Mass on Tuesday 11 February**; it is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day for the Sick.

The theme for Jubilee Year 2025 is '**Pilgrims of Hope**'; during this year, it is hoped to have a pilgrimage walk in the parish on a date to be agreed. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 11 February.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** The usual monthly collection will be taken up after each Mass this weekend.

**Hospitality on Wednesdays:** Come along for tea / coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesday next 05 Feb. and every Wednesday.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On the First Friday of each month from the 10:00 am Mass until 11:30 am; this will take place on Friday 07 February.

**The Family Mass:** On the second Sunday of each month; please come along next Sunday 09 Feb. at 11:30 am and join us for tea / coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre.

**Parish Envelope System**

Fr McAuliffe, Fr Ryan and the Finance Committee would like to thank you all most sincerely for your contributions towards the upkeep of the Church and the parish.

To explain the Envelope System: under current tax legislation the parish receives a tax rebate on donations of €250 or more in a tax year. Such contributions made by parishioners may consist of the weekly envelope collections and also the Christmas and Easter dues. This rebate can be up to half of the amount contributed annually. In recent years, for example, the tax refunds to the parish have averaged over €30,000 per annum.

Parishioners who are in the Envelope System are each given a number and a record is kept of their weekly donations. This is used to claim a tax rebate to the parish based on their total contributions during the year.

However, there are parishioners whose Christmas and Easter dues amount to €250 or more in total but who are not in the Envelope System – the parish can claim for rebate on their dues but not on their weekly contributions.

Also, there are parishioners who are not in the Envelope System and whose dues contributions are just less than €250 per annum but when taken together with their weekly contributions would amount to €250 or more – the parish cannot claim for a rebate on these contributions.

The parish would benefit greatly from the additional rebate it would receive from the latter two categories. Therefore the Parish Finance Committee would be very grateful if you would please consider signing up to the Envelope System. You can do this by calling to Margaret in the office. Eligible contributors will be asked to complete a simple tax form every 5 years.

**Mass Intentions**

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| 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); Mary Onslow (A); Gerard Neville (A); Gordon & Hilary Holmes (A); Bobby & Nuala Holmes (A) |
| Mon 03 Feb       | 10:00 | Pro Popolo  |
| Tue / Wed / Thur | 10:00 | am Mass   |
| Fri 07 Feb       | 10:00 | John Lowney & deceased members of the Lowney Family   |
| Sat 08 Feb       | 18:00 | Ann Kavanagh (MM); Michael & Marie Cooke (A)  |
| Sun 09 Feb       | 10:00 |   |
|                  | 11:30 | Sheila & Gerard Fitzsimons (A); Nora Bennis (A); Aengus Shanahan (A); Angela Foley (A).   |