

**Our Lady of the Rosary
Parish Limerick**

Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Parish Newsletter
18 May 2025**

PLEASE TAKE & READ

First Communion in the Parish

Warmest congratulations to the children of our schools who received their First Communion this Saturday, 17 May. We pray that the grace of the Sacrament will be with them always and with their families.

Evening Rosary at Fernbank Grotto

During May, the month of Mary, please join our traditional parish devotion at 8:00 pm each evening to honour Our Blessed Mother, and to invoke her intercession for our spiritual and temporal needs.

Collection for Mothers & Babies 17-18 May

This weekend, on 17 & 18 May, there will be a collection for mothers and babies in need in the Limerick area before and after each Mass. Items urgently needed include nappies (newborn to size 4), baby wipes, creams, baby shampoo, lotion, powder, baby bottles, soothers, muslin cloths, basket sheets, breastmilk storage bags, etc..

Saint Rita of Cascia

Thursday 22 May is the memorial day of St. Rita of Cascia, a saint who is revered for her deep faith, perseverance and miraculous intercessions, and often invoked for her ability to bring hope to seemingly hopeless situations.

If you desire to be loved, love. If you desire to be forgiven, forgive. If you desire to be understood, understand. Hope is the anchor of the soul, the stimulus to action, and the incentive to achievement. [Intercom; May 2025]

Our Parish Pilgrim Walk on 24 May

2025 is a Jubilee Holy Year. The concept of "Jubilee" is a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. The late Pope Francis designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope".

On Saturday next, 24 May after the 6:00 pm Mass, Canon Donagh O'Malley will give a short talk on Kilrush Church which is the oldest building in Limerick City. Parishioners may then walk or drive to Ted Russel Park from where we will walk to Kilrush Church for a short liturgical visit.

Forthcoming Events

- Holy Hour for Vocations on Wed. 21 May; last in a series of four at St. John's Cathedral; 7:30 pm.
- Hospice Sunflower Days 06 & 07 June; you may volunteer and / or donate to assist Milford Hospice; contact Fundraising Dept. at 061 485859.
- Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18 June; places may be available for assisted pilgrims and nurses.
- Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Rome from 28 July; contact Diocesan Centre at 061 350000.

Hospitality on Wednesdays

Tea / coffee and chat in Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass.

Annual General Meeting on 27 May

The AGM of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 27 May in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to attend. If you have a motion to put forward at the AGM, please submit it in writing to the Secretary of the Parish Council and leave in the Sacristy by this Sunday, 18 May.

Membership of the Parish Council is open to all parishioners aged over 16 years. **If you wish to be considered for election as a member of the Parish Council, please give your name and contact details to Margaret in the Sacristy.**

Parish Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Parish Council, which is a consultative body, is to provide the opportunity whereby the laity, religious and clergy, as God's people, meet to share the responsibility of the whole parish and of the whole community. The Parish Council meets once a month.

At our meeting on 13 May, it was decided that a short liturgical visit to Kilrush Church, at Old Church on the NCR, will take place on Sat. 24 May after 6:00 pm Mass. There was a discussion on the upcoming AGM, which takes place on Tues. 27 May at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre. It is planned to have a ceremony around 11 Dec. 2025 to mark the 75th anniversary of the Blessing of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Cian O'Carroll made a presentation to the PPC regarding the prospect of replacing the Annunciation Sculptures, which were created by Ian Stuart.

Thank You from Dóchas Autism

Dóchas Mid-West Autism Support wishes to thank everybody who donated to their recent Church gate collection. The sum of €981 was collected. Míle Buíochas to all for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Sat 17 May	18:00	Marge Tobin (MM); Fergus Maher (A); Michael Murray (MM)
Sun 18 May	10:00	
	11:30	Claireann (Minogue) Daly (2 nd A); Jim Coffey (A)
Mon 19 May	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 20 May	10:00	
Wed 21 May	10:00	Deceased members of the Fitzgibbon family
Thur & Fri	10:00	Morning Mass
Sat 24 May	18:00	John Clifford (A); Michael Heenan (A); Joan & John Cleary (A)
Sun 25 May	10:00	Frances O'Doherty (A)
	11:30	