

**Our Lady of the Rosary  
Parish Limerick**

**First Sunday of Lent**



**Parish Newsletter  
22 February 2026**

**PLEASE TAKE & READ**

**The Season of Lent**

A few days ago, we began the Season of Lent with our observance of Ash Wednesday. We marked our foreheads with blessed ashes, in what is a long-standing custom, as a sign of our creation from dust and a symbol of penance. Traditionally marked by prayer and fasting, Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and of reflection upon the Resurrection.

**First Sunday of Lent**

Today's readings advise us that the best way to break the charm of this world's alluring voices during Lent is not trying to shut out the music by plugging our ears, but to have our hearts and lives filled with the sweeter music of prayer, penance, the word of God, self-control, and acts of charity. Then temptations will have no power over us. [from: Fr. Anthony Kadavil; Intercom, Feb 2026]

**Stations of the Cross:** On each Friday during Lent, Br. Dormer will lead a Way of the Cross after 10:00 am Mass.

**Lenten Talks**

Starting on Tuesday next 24 February and continuing for the six weeks of Lent, Fr. Joe Hayes SJ will lead of exploration of our Catholic faith with the theme: The Best is yet to Come because?

**Where:** Parish Centre. **When:** 7:30 to 8:30 pm on Tuesdays from 24 Feb to 31 March. All are welcome.

**Trócaire Collection**

Trócaire boxes are now available in the Church. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Lenten Appeal through parishes is an important part of their annual fundraising.

**Hospitality on Wednesdays:** Tea / coffee and chat in the Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass each Wednesday.

**Limerick Choral Festival**

The Opening Concert of the 2026 Choral Festival, featuring the Limerick Chamber Choir and Aoide Voices, will take place at St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Ave. on Friday 06 March at 7:30 pm (retiring collection).

**Epilepsy Awareness**

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26 March.

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

**Preparation for First Communion**

The children who are preparing for First Holy Communion have been attending Mass with their families on a monthly basis. The next big event is their first experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On this night of their First Confession, each child will be presented with a Guardian Angel Prayer Card by a member of the Parish Council.

**Diocesan Choir for Mass of Chrism**

You are invited to join the Diocesan Choir for the Mass of Chrism on 01 April 2026. Rehearsals will take place in Limerick Diocesan Centre from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm on the following Mondays: 23 February, 09 March and 23 March. Please bring along with you these books from which the programme will be chosen at the first rehearsal: In Caelo; Veritas Hymnal; Sing the Mass.

**Forthcoming Pilgrimages**

Dominican Friars & Sisters of St. Cecilia will lead an Upward Call Pilgrimage to Bologna, Assisi, Rome and Bracciano, for young adults aged 18 to 35, from 16 to 20 June 2026. Contact [limerick@op-tn.org](mailto:limerick@op-tn.org) for further information. Early booking is required by 28 February.

Bishop Leahy will lead a Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi, for young people aged 16 years and over, from 24 to 29 October 2026. This is a big Jubilee Year in Assisi on account of the 800th anniversary of the death of Francis in October 1226. For details, please contact James Connery at the Diocesan Office. Call 061 350000 or by email: [james.connery@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:james.connery@limerickdiocese.org).

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 21 Feb	18:00	Úna Flannery (A); Martin Griffin (A); Christopher O'Dwyer (A)
Sun 22 Feb	10:00	
	11:30	Gertrude & Thomas Begley (A); Doris Keane (A); Rita Keane (A); Aidan Larkin (A); Jim Burke (A); Bill & Ena Leonard (A)
Mon 23 Feb	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues / Wed / Thurs		Mass at 10:00 am
Fri 27 Feb	10:00	
Sat 28 Feb	18:00	Eleanor O'Brien (A)
Sun 01 Mar	10:00	
	11:30	Jacqueline Cleary (A); Mary Quinlivan (A); Marion O'Flynn (A); Brendan Murphy (A)