

**Our Lady of the Rosary
1950 – 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
(Laetare Sunday)**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER
14/15 March 2026
MOTHER'S DAY**

PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the gift of mothers, through whom your love is revealed in so many ways.
Bless all mothers;
Those who are joyful and those who are burdened, those expecting new life, and those who mourn a loss, those who nurture children, and those who lovingly remember. Grant them strength, patience, and joy in their vocation. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord, be their guide and consolation.
Let their sacrifices be honoured, their love returned, and their hearts filled with peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
(norwichdiocese.org)

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME: We welcome the Salesian Primary school girls and their families next Sunday at 10 am Mass as part of their First Communion Preparation.

CONFIRMATION: The boys from JFK and the girls from the Salesians will be confirmed at separate ceremonies on Tuesday 24 March. **Note:** there will be no morning Mass on this day.
A Pre-Confirmation Retreat Day facilitated by Sr. Betty Baker will be held on 19 March for the boys and on 20 March for the girls. We will hold them in our thoughts and prayers on these days.

REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL: The PPC met on Tuesday 10 March last. Canon Des expressed concern regarding the shortage of Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist in the parish. The Easter Dues envelopes with details of the Easter Ceremonies are to be distributed to all the houses in the parish. Bishop Brendan has requested that all parishes in the diocese survey the numbers attending all weekend Masses over a 3 week period which began last weekend.

HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS: We look forward to seeing you at our usual Wednesday Morning tea/coffee and chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass.

ST PATRICK'S DAY is a holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass on Monday at 6 pm and Masses on St. Patrick's day at 10 am and 11:30 am.

PLEASE NOTE: As Tuesday is the Feast of St. Patrick, there will be no **Lenten Talk** with Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. this week.

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR AT THE CATHEDRAL: After your celebration of St. Patrick, join us to pray for the next generation of Irish Saints! The Vocations Holy Hour at the cathedral this month is Wednesday, 18 March from 7-8pm. Please join us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage, to hear the testimony of Sister Phyllis Moynihan, RSM and to be led in prayerful song by Áine Kirby. We hope to see someone from every parish there!

LENTEN DESERT DAY – Sunday 29 March in Limerick Diocesan Centre St. Munchins Corbally from 10.30 am to 4.45 pm. **'BY HIS WORDS WE ARE HEALED'** - A Silent Retreat with Eucharist and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Facilitators: Phyllis Moynihan and Bernadette Murphy.
Donation: €20 (Please bring your own packed lunch Tea/coffee/snacks provided). Book your place by contacting Phyllis @ 0879636893 or moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14th	18:00	Frank Dunworth (1 st A) Mark Flanagan (1 st A) Frank Eivers (A)
Sun 15th	10:00 11:30	Phil O'Keeffe (M.M.) Sean Hillery (A) Liam & Ann Moloney (A) Betty O'Shea (A) Joe & Sheila Kirby (A) Catherine & Peter Phelan (A)
Mon 16th	10:00 18:00	Pro Popolo Vigil Mass for St Patrick's Day
Tues 17th	10:00 11:30	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Wed 18th	10:00	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thurs 19th	10:00	St. Joseph
Fri 20th	10:00	
Sat 21st	18:00	Peggy Flanagan (A)
Sun 22nd	10:00 11:30	Gussie Shanahan (A) Patrick Shanahan (A) Dan Healy (A) John Moloney (1 st A)