

**Our Lady of the Rosary  
Parish Limerick**

**Third Sunday of Lent**



**Parish Newsletter  
08 March 2026**

**PLEASE TAKE & READ**

**The Pope's Intention for March**

*For disarmament and peace:* Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Pope Leo XIV on Paths to Peace**

An essential service that religions must render to a suffering humanity is to guard against the growing temptation to weaponise even thoughts and words. The great spiritual traditions, as well as right reason, teach us to look beyond blood ties or ethnicity, beyond associations that accept only those who are similar and reject those who are different. Today, we see that this cannot be taken for granted. Unfortunately, it has become increasingly common to drag the language of faith into political battles, to bless nationalism, and to justify violence and armed struggle in the name of religion. Believers must actively refute, above all by the witness of their lives, these forms of blasphemy that profane the holy name of God. Therefore, alongside action, it is more necessary than ever to cultivate prayer, spirituality and ecumenical and interreligious dialogue as paths of peace and as languages of encounter within traditions and cultures. [from Intercom, March 2026]

**Events in Our Parish**

**Lenten Talks** with Fr. Joe Hayes SJ continue in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm, exploring together how we can be missionaries of God to ourselves and to those who touch our lives.

**Trócaire Boxes** for the Lenten Appeal are available in the side porch and at the back of the church.

Don't forget **Hospitality on Wednesdays** with tea / coffee / chat in the Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass.

We have **Stations of the Cross** on each Friday during Lent with Br. Dormer after the 10:00 am Mass.

We celebrate the **Family Mass** this Sunday 08 March at 11:30 am. All are welcome for tea / coffee / chat afterwards in the Parish Centre.

**Parish Ministries – Call for Volunteers**

Parishioners, who would like to be **Ministers of the Eucharist** or **Ministers of the Word**, are always welcome. We could use more volunteers at this time. Please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy. Those who have previously served are also welcome to return to the active roster.

**Baptised and Sent in Lent**

The website of the Irish Synodal Pathway is at <https://synod.ie>. There you will find a programme of prayer and reflection for Lent which is inspired by **Baptised and Sent**, the preparatory document for the pre-synodal assembly of October 2025.

Grounded in the conviction that baptism is the foundation of our identity, dignity and mission, these resources help us return to the heart of Christian life, that through Baptism we are reborn in Christ and sent out by the Spirit in service of the Gospel. Through these Lenten reflections, we are invited to rediscover who we are as God's people, to listen to the Holy Spirit and to take concrete steps, towards living our baptismal calling more deeply, as we prepare for the continuing synodal journey and the National Assembly in October 2026.

**Mass Intentions**

|             |       |  |
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| Sat 07 Mar  | 18:00 | Kitty & Mattie Cooney (A);<br>John Walsh (A); Carmel Cronin (MM)   |
| Sun 08 Mar  | 10:00 |  |
|             | 11:30 | Catherine, Thomas, Thomas Jnr. & Des<br>Quaid & deceased members of family;<br>John & Elizabeth Leahy (A);<br>Marie Dillon (A) |
| Mon 09 Mar  | 10:00 | Pro Popolo   |
| Tues 10 Mar | 10:00 | Daily Mass   |
| Wed 11 Mar  | 10:00 | Carmel Cronin (Rem)  |
| Thur 12 Mar | 10:00 |  |
| Fri 13 Mar  | 10:00 | Daily Mass   |
| Sat 14 Mar  | 18:00 | Frank Dunworth (1 <sup>st</sup> A);<br>Mark Flanagan (1 <sup>st</sup> A)   |
| Sun 15 Mar  | 10:00 | Phil O'Keeffe (MM)   |
|             | 11:30 | Liam & Ann Moloney (A);<br>Betty O'Shea (A).   |

**Mass Times:**

Daily Mass – Mon to Fri – 10:00  
Sat Vigil & Eve of Holy Day – 18:00  
Sunday & Holy Day – 10:00 & 11:30

**Baptisms:**

Sat 17:00 & Sun 12:15 by appointment

**Marriages:** by appointment

**Priests:**

Canon Des McAuliffe P.P. 061 324825  
Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel - 087 2997733

**Adoration:** First Friday 10:30 to 11:30;  
Oct to May; except for funeral days

**Parish Website:**

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie)

**Parish Clerk:**

Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy  
tel - 061 325 288

**Office Hours:** Mon - Fri 09:00 to 10:30 &  
Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30

**Church Open for Private Prayer:**

Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00