


<p>Our Lady of the Rosary</p> <p>Our Church of 75 Years</p> <p>1950 – 2025</p>		<p>Our Lady of the Rosary</p> <p>Our Parish of 60 Years</p> <p>1964 – 2024</p>
Weekly Newsletter	Third Sunday of Advent	14 December 2025

We celebrate and we rejoice on **Gaudete Sunday**. Priests may wear rose vestments and the pink candle will be lit. Please hang a card on the **Remembrance Tree** with the names of those who will be away from home at Christmas.

Come to our **Christmas Wednesday Gathering** for coffee, tea, seasonal treats in Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass. Please remember your contribution for **Diocesan Needs** next weekend with the Offertory Collection.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available after all Masses, Dec 20 to 24. Next weekend, we will be joined by the families of children preparing for **First Communion**.

A Diamond 75 Years to Celebrate

On the 11th of December 1950, a congregation gathered for the dedication of what was arguably the most important piece of post-war ecclesiastical architecture in the Ireland of the time. The Church we now call Our Lady of the Rosary was a curious sight. Planned and designed as a 'Church of Ease', its life expectancy was roughly ten years. Intentionally, it was seen as a beacon of twentieth century religious art and sculpture, keeping up a tradition that continues to the present time.

Uniting the architecture and art, this lovely building is based on the simplest of plans; its current mission is spelt out exquisitely. I am proud to be, in your name, the custodian of this remarkable structure.

This weekend is an occasion for us to give thanks to God for the people back in the 50s and the many parishioners who came together to fundraise and erect this unique Church. We will remember too all living and deceased priests who have served the parish over the past seventy-five years. To all, fond memory and grateful thanks. Desmond McAuliffe.

Mass of Commemoration & Family Mass

We welcome Bishop Brendan on Sunday at the 11:30 am Mass as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. We thank the Voices of Limerick who enhance our liturgy with music and song.

We also have our **Family Mass** on Sunday 14 Dec. at 11:30 am. We thank the children and parents for their participation in this important expression of our parish community and we thank those who organise the event so well each month. All are invited to the Parish Centre afterwards for seasonal refreshments.

Christmas Carols & Seasonal Readings

All are welcome to Our Lady of the Rosary Church at 6:45 pm on Saturday 20 Dec for our Annual Carol Service with the Voices of Limerick, Collette Davis (Musical Director), Catherine O'Carroll (Soloist) and Paul Collins (Organist).

Opening Ceremony on 17 December 1950

With the celebration of Solemn High Mass at noon on Sunday, the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Ennis Road, was formally declared open for public worship. The Lord bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill presided at the impressive ceremonies being attended by the Vicar General, Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan P.P. Newcastle West. The preacher was Right Rev. Monsignor Arthur Ryan D.D. Belfast. The spacious church, a gem of modern architecture, was packed to capacity by the parishioners of St. Munchin's who in union with their beloved pastor, Monsignor Moloney take a legitimate pride in a most remarkable achievement.

The main door was opened with a silver key, the gift of the architect Mr. Frank Corr and the builders Messrs. P. Molloy and Sons. The tolling of the Bell told the people that the church was canonically opened and the High Mass to be celebrated with inspiring ritual was about to begin. Subsequent to the Church ceremonies, Monsignor Moloney entertained at luncheon in the Ardhru Hotel, a number of the clergy, the Mayor Mr. K Bradshaw, the City Manager Mr. M Macken, the architect Mr. Corr, the builder Mr. Molloy, B.A., members of the Church Building Committee and the Press. [Limerick Leader; 23 Dec 1950]

Christmas Liturgies & Christmas Dues

The Christmas Dues envelopes are available in Church this weekend and we thank volunteers who will take bundles for distribution to houses during the week. Also enclosed, you will find details of Christmas Services in our Church.

Mass Intentions

Sat 13 Dec	18:00	Henry Morris (A) & the Morris Family; Peter & Catherine Phelan (A); Paddy McCaul (A); Martin Phelan (A)
Sun 14 Dec	10:00	
	11:30	Ann Kavanagh (A); Tom Tierney (A)
Mon 15 Dec	10:00	Mary Clancy (Rec Dec)
Thur 18 Dec	10:00	James O'Riordan (MM)
Sat 20 Dec	18:00	Angela Geary (MM); Barry Stokes & Stokes Family; Josie & Seamus Morris (A)
Sun 21 Dec	10:00	Gerry McKeon (A)
	11:30	Tom Clohessy (A)