

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Limerick
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**Parish Newsletter
31 May/ 1 June 2025**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH PILGRIM WALK: The late Pope Francis designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope." Last Saturday 24 May after 6pm Mass parishioners met in pilgrimage at the ruins of Kilrush church, the oldest church in Limerick City. Canon Donagh O'Malley gave a very interesting talk on **Kilrush Church** after 6pm Mass. He described the history of it saying that the church was first mentioned in 1201 but the huge building blocks and lintel stone suggests its earlier and pre-Norman/[Romanesque](#) origins. He explained that the area had also been used as a Killeen and a burial ground. He described the link between the building of the church at the time of St Munchin back to St. Patrick. According to one tradition, little Kilrush is said to have been built by Rose, a sister of St. Munchin. More than 50 parishioners walked or drove to Kilrush Church where there was a short service ending with a rendition of Hail Glorious St Patrick. Canon Donagh asked us to remember all those who had been buried there and all those who had handed down the faith through the generations.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The monthly collection for the local conference takes place this weekend after all Masses. The continuing support of OLR parishioners is greatly appreciated.

FAMILY MASS: Next Sunday 8 June we celebrate our last family Mass before the summer break at 11.30am. Please come to the Parish Centre for tea and chat afterwards. Thank you to Canon Des, Fr. Tom, Marian and Sr. Susan for organising the liturgy and the readings; to Colette, Karen, Elizabeth and choir for the music which always enhances the liturgy and to Melanie and her team for organising the hospitality in the Parish Centre.

EXAMS: We pray God's Blessings on our Leaving and Junior Certificate students as they begin their exams this Wednesday 4 June.

PRAYER BEFORE EXAMS

*Loving God,
be with me now as I prepare for my exams.
Thank you for the many talents and gifts you
have given me and for the opportunity of
education.
Calm my nerves and anxiety,
help me to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
to the very best that I can.
Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam – and always.
Amen*

NATIONAL SUNFLOWER DAYS 6th /7th June: The funds raised from this event are in aid of Milford Hospice. If you would like to help on Sunflower Days, please contact the Fundraising Department at 061 485859.

LIMERICK DEMENTIA SOCIAL CLUB: On Wednesday 4 June from 6:30 to 8:30 **Activator Poles Gentle exercise session** at U.L. Sports Partnership followed by Magician Terence Andrews. Contact 087 9189833 for any queries or email limerickdememntiassc@gmail.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM: The AGM of the PPC was held on Tuesday last. There will be a report in next week's Parish Newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 31st	18:00	Frances Barron (M.M.)
Sun June 1	10:00	Maureen McInerney (A)
	11:30	Bob Keane (A)
Mon 2nd	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 3rd	10:00	St Kevin (Dublin)
Wed 4th	10:00	Martyrs of Uganda
Thurs 5th	10:00	St Boniface: World Environment Day
Fri 6th	10:00	St Jarlath (Tuam) World Day of Prayer for Priests
Sat 7th	18:00	Áine Costello (3 rd A)
Sun 8th	10:00	
	11:30	Brian Healy (2 nd A) Jerry McCabe (A)