


<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Easter</b></p>		<p><b>Parish Newsletter 04 May 2025</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE TAKE &amp; READ</b></p>
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### The Death of Pope Francis

We mourn the loss of His Holiness Pope Francis on 21 April 2025 at his home in the Vatican. He has served the Church well during the past 12 years of his pontificate, 2013-2025. May his concern for the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised, his appreciation of nature, of the need to protect the Earth and to safeguard life, be remembered and acted upon. May he rest in the Peace of Christ.

### Fr. Leo McDonnell R.I.P.

We note also the death of Fr. Leo McDonnell on 12 April 2025 at Milford Care Centre. A native of Limerick City, Fr. Leo served as a curate here in Our Lady of the Rosary early in his ministry and more recently in St. John's Cathedral and St. Michael's Parish. May he rest in peace.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly collection for the local conference will be taken up after each Mass this weekend.

### Evening Rosary at Fernbank Grotto

During May, the month of Mary, please join our traditional parish devotion at 8:00 pm each evening from Thursday 01 May to honour Our Blessed Mother, to invoke her intercession for our spiritual and temporal needs and for the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit on each member of the conclave to elect a true Vicar of Christ.

### Hospitality on Wednesdays

Do come along for tea / coffee and a chat with in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesdays.

### The Family Mass

On next Sunday 11 May, we have the Family Mass at 11:30 am. It is a great opportunity for our younger parishioners to participate in the prayers of the Mass. Please come along for tea / coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre.

### Garden Fête at Villiers School

The Annual Garden Fête takes place next Sunday, 11 May 2025, at Villiers School, North Circular Road. It runs from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm and all are welcome.

### Return of Easter Dues

Thank you to all who have returned the Offering Envelopes over Easter. Cheques should be made payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' for the Priests, and to 'Margaret Clifford' for the Sacristan. If you don't have the envelopes, some are still available in the Church.

### Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the PPC will be held on Tuesday 13 May in the Parish Centre. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 27 May 2025. Further details over the next few weeks.

### Holy Hour for Vocations

The last in the series of four Holy Hours for Vocations at St. John's Cathedral takes place on Wednesday 21 May, 2025 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

### First Communion Ceremonies

As a parish community, we look forward to seeing the children of our schools make their First Communion on Saturday 17 May. May God bless them and their families.

### Marriage Preparation Facilitators

Accord is seeking volunteers, who are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church, and would like to work as facilitators supporting couples in their preparation for the Sacrament. For further information, check the Accord website at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie), call Aisling at 01 5053112 or email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie).

### Trócaire Lenten Appeal

If you have not already returned your contribution for the Annual Lenten Appeal, please do so as soon as possible. You may use the envelope provided by Trócaire or the one included in your box of Weekly Envelopes.

### Special Collections

You might include the Formation of Priests in the Offertory Collection this weekend; Diocesan Needs next weekend.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 03 May	18:00	Eileen Griffin (A)
Sun 04 May	10:00	Marie Hanrahan (A)
	11:30	Eddie Grimes (A)
Mon 05 May	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 06 May	10:00	Margaret Brosnan (A)
Wed 07 May	10:00	Margaret Brosnan (A)
Thur 08 May	10:00	
Fri 09 May	10:00	Ted Motherway (A); Marge Tobin (Rec Dec)
Sat 10 May	18:00	Patrick Carney (MM); Frank Dunworth (MM); Tom Costello (A); Sr. Seraphina Costello (A); Michael & Margaret Shearin (A)
Sun 11 May	10:00	Eileen O'Dea (A); Elizabeth Mahony (A)
	11:30	Frances Gavin (A); Michael Dee (A); Thomas Gough (A)