## Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick

Sixth Sunday of Easter



# Parish Newsletter 25 May 2025

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly collection for the local conference of the SVP Society will be taken up after each Mass next weekend, Sat 31 May & Sun 01 June. The continuing and generous support of OLR parishioners is greatly appreciated.

## **Pilgrim Walk on Saturday 24 May**

2025 is a Jubilee Holy Year. The concept of "Jubilee" is a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. The late Pope Francis designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope".

After the 6:00 pm Mass this Saturday, Canon Donagh O'Malley will give a short talk on Kilrush Church which is the oldest building in Limerick City. Parishioners may then walk or drive to Ted Russel Park from where we will walk to Kilrush Church for a short liturgical visit.

## Veneration of Relics at St. John's

Following on from the Votive Mass in Honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. John's Cathedral on Friday last, the opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Claude la Colombière continues on Mon, Tues & Wed, from 4:45 pm up to Mass at 5.45 pm.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of France was a Visitation nun and mystic. Following an apparition of the Lord, she devoted her life to promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She died in 1690 and she was canonised by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. St Claude La Colombière was a French Jesuit priest and spiritual director for the Visitation Sisters. He died in 1682 and he was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

#### **Hospitality on Wednesdays**

Please come along for tea, coffee and chat in the Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass on Wed next, 28 May. This is the last service before the summer break. Our thanks to Ann and her team for providing this opportunity each week. We'll see you all again in September, DV.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

- Hospice Sunflower Days 06 & 07 June; you may volunteer and / or donate to assist Milford Hospice; contact Fundraising Dept at 061 485859
- The 40th All Ireland Rosary Rally takes place at Knock Shrine on Sat 07 June; for details see https://allirelandrosaryrally.com
- Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18 June; places may be available for assisted pilgrims and nurses
- Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Rome from 28 July; contact Diocesan Centre at 061 350000.

## **Evening Rosary at Fernbank Grotto**

This traditional parish devotion at 8:00 pm each evening will continue at the grotto until the end of May.

## **Parish Pastoral Council AGM**

The purpose of the Parish Council, which is a consultative body, is to provide the opportunity whereby the laity, religious and clergy, as God's people, meet to share the responsibility of the whole parish and of the whole community. The Parish Council meets once a month.

The **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Tuesday next, 27 May, in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to attend. Membership is open to all parishioners aged over 16 years.

If you wish to be considered for election as a member of the Parish Council, please give your name and contact details to Margaret in the Sacristy.

#### Pope Saint Paul VI

Thursday 29 May is the memorial day of Pope St. Paul VI, who is remembered for his deep spirituality, his emphasis on social justice, human dignity and the importance of faith in the modern world.

If you want peace, work for justice. Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. The Church is alive; the Church is young. [Intercom; May 2025]

#### **Grow Mental Health**

Grow provides friendly community-based peer-support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues, working through a 12-step program of connection, hope and identity, empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing, supporting personal growth through education and self-teaching. Meetings are held at 33 Henry Street, Limerick and in Croom. Contact Celia 086-1526966 or Danielle 086-1588626 or see https://grow.ie for more.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sat 24 May	18:00	John Clifford (A); Michael Heenan (A); Joan & John Cleary (A)
Sun 25 May	10:00	Frances O'Doherty (A)
	11:30	
Mon 26 May	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 27 May	10:00	Deceased members of the Woods family
Wed 28 May	10:00	
Thur 29 May	10:00	Ethna Aherne (A); Stephen Aherne (A)
Fri 30 May	10:00	
Sat 31 May	18:00	Frances Barron (MM)
Sun 01 Jun	10:00	Maureen McInerney (A)
	11:30	Bob Keane (A)