

<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b></p> <p><b>Our Church of 75 Years</b></p> <p><b>1950 – 2025</b></p>		<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b></p> <p><b>Our Parish of 60 Years</b></p> <p><b>1964 – 2024</b></p>
<b>Weekly Newsletter</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>30 November 2025</b>

### Preparation for Christmas

This weekend, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. It marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year and a time of preparation, watching and waiting, for the joyous occasion of the Birth of Christ.

“People in Noah’s day were oblivious until the flood came. Am I similarly asleep, absorbed in life’s daily rhythms, while remaining spiritually unprepared? Lord, shake me from my complacency and keep me watchful for your coming.” [Intercom; Nov 2025]

The **Advent Wreath** is a circle of evergreens, a symbol of God’s eternal love for us. Fastened to the wreath are five candles. Three of these are purple, symbolising the prayer, penance, preparatory sacrifices and good works, undertaken at this time. A rose or pink candle is lit for rejoicing on the Third Sunday of Advent. The fifth, a white candle, placed in the middle of the wreath, represents Christ and it is lit on Christmas Eve.

Cards for the **Remembrance Tree** are in the basket at the foot of the tree. Please fill in a card with the names of those who will be away from home and who you would like to include in our parish prayers during the Christmas Season. Please hang your card on the Remembrance Tree.

All are welcome to our **Wednesday Gathering** for tea / coffee and chat in the Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass.

On Friday next, 05 December, we will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** after the 10:00 am Mass.

### St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

The Christmas Collection by the local conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society will be made after all Masses next weekend Sat / Sun 06 / 07 December 2025.

With the increasing cost of living, we continue to be extremely busy helping with requests for food, fuel, household bills and education. Each and every donation received is greatly appreciated as it helps us to meet requests in the local community. Our Lady of the Rosary conference would like to thank you for your generous support and encouragement throughout the year.

### Preparation for First Communion

This weekend, we are pleased to be joined by the families of children who are preparing for First Holy Communion; JFK Boys on Sat at 6:00 pm Mass; Salesian Girls on Sunday at 11:30 am Mass. We welcome you and your families.

### The Building of Our Lady of the Rosary Church

The church was commissioned by Monsignor Michael Moloney in 1949 as a chapel of ease for the growing parish of St Munchin’s. It was designed by Derry architects, Liam McCormick and Frank Corr, competition-winning designers of the Church of Our Lady and St Michael in Ennistymon, Co. Clare in 1947. It was to be a temporary wooden-cladded single cell structure that could be dismantled and re-erected elsewhere. The church was built, at a cost of €13,500, by contractors Messrs P. Molloy & Sons of Limerick, to accommodate a congregation of 600. It was blessed by Dr. Patrick O’Neill, Bishop of Limerick, on 11 December 1950.

Bishop Brendan Leahy will celebrate a **Special Mass of Commemoration** with us on Sunday 14 December at 11:30 am. This is also the occasion of our monthly Family Mass. We will gather for tea / coffee / cakes afterwards.

The next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** is on Tuesday 09 December at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 29 Nov	18:00	Roisín Hayes (A); Ann O’Brien (A)
Sun 30 Nov	10:00	Chris O’Gorman (Bir Rem)
	11:30	Gertrude Hayes; Rachel Moloney
Mon 01 Dec	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 02 Dec	10:00	Thomas McDonnell
Wed 03 Dec	10:00	Micheál & Zena Gilbourne (A)
Thur 04 Dec	10:00	
Fri 05 Dec	10:00	
Sat 06 Dec	18:00	Hilary & Eileen Loughnan (A); Conor O’Sullivan; Liam O’Leary (A); Denis McMahon (A); John & Julie Hayes (A) Jackie & Bríd Gore & Gore Family;
Sun 07 Dec	10:00	John & Joan Cleary (A); Jerry & Martin Horan (A)
	11:30	Ann & Paddy O’Sullivan (A); Frances & John O’Callaghan (A); Jim Ryan (MM & Bir Rem 100) Gerry Clancy (A)