


<p>Our Lady of the Rosary</p> <p>1950 - 2025</p>		<p>PARISH NEWSLETTER 10/11 January 2026</p> <p>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</p>
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POINTS TO PONDER:

It would be useful for us today to reflect on the meaning of our own Baptism and how it relates with that of Jesus. We often hear a very simplistic description of the effects of the Sacrament of Baptism as 'taking away original sin and making us children of God'. Many, especially those baptised as infants may see it as a one-off ceremony, imposed on them by parents to bind them to a way of life in which they have no further say. However, if one truly understands the full meaning of our baptism, this is unlikely to happen.

Baptism is not, as is true of all the sacraments, an isolated ritual. It takes place in the context of our whole life. Whether we are baptised as children or adults, what primarily is happening is that we become incorporated. 'embodied' into the Christian community. We become – not passively, but actively – members of the Body of Christ. We are called to be living witnesses of the Gospel, to be united with the others in our Christian community in the building up of God's Kingdom. Our baptism is not simply some past event recorded in some dusty parish register. It is a living reality which is to be constantly deepened and enriched. (*livingspace.sacredspace.ie*)

CHRISTMAS DUES: We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have returned their Christmas Offering Envelopes for the Priests and the Sacristan and all who are in the process of doing so. If you are contributing by cheque, please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'.

FAMILY MASS: Our Monthly Family Mass is this Sunday 11 January at 11.30am. All families are invited to attend. **Everyone** is invited to the Parish Centre for tea and a chat afterwards; it is a lovely opportunity to meet up with your fellow parishioners.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 13 January at 7.30 pm.

ENVELOPE BOXES 2026: Parish Envelopes for 2026 are available in the church. We acknowledge all who give to the Parish in whatever way that suits. We also encourage you, if you can, to consider giving through the Envelope System as the Parish receives tax refunds based on those contributions. Anyone who wishes to join the Envelope System should contact the Sacristy.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME: We welcome the children and their families next weekend as part of their First Communion Preparation.

JFK boys and families – Saturday 17 January: 6.00 pm Mass.

Salesian Primary School girls and families - Sunday 18 January: 10.00 am Mass

HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS: Our Wednesday Morning tea/coffee and chat will return on **Wednesday 21 January** next in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass. It is a great opportunity to meet up with your friends and neighbours. We look forward to seeing you there. Our thanks to Anne and her team.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10th	18:00	John Collins (A)
Sun 11th	10:00	Michael Bridie & Willie Ryan (A)
	11:30	Liam Shanahan (A) Angela Foley (1 st A) Carmel Corbett (A)
Mon 12th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 13th	10:00	St. Hilary
Wed 14th	10:00	
Thurs 15th	10:00	St Ita (Limerick)
Fri 16th	10:00	Phyllis & Frank McNamara (A)
Sat 17th	18:00	Paddy Quilligan (A)
Sun 18th	10:00	
	11:30	Fergal Grimes (A) Kathleen Finucane (A)

<p>Mass Times: Daily Mass – Mon to Fri – 10:00 Sat Vigil & Eve of Holy Day – 18:00 Sunday & Holy Day – 10:00 & 11:30 Baptisms: Sat 17:00 & Sun 12:15 by appointment Marriages: by appointment</p>	<p>Priests: Canon Des McAuliffe P.P. tel: 061 324825 Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel: 087 2997733 Adoration: First Friday after 10:00 Mass. (October to May) Parish Website: www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie</p>	<p>Parish Clerk: Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy Tel: 061 325 288 Office Hours: Mon - Fri 09:00 to 10:30 & Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30 Church Open for Private Prayer: Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00</p>
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