

**Our Lady of the Rosary  
Parish Limerick**

**Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



**Parish Newsletter  
01 February 2026**

**PLEASE TAKE & READ**

**Candlemas Day - Monday 02 Feb**

Candlemas Day or the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple occurs on Monday 02 February 2026. The light of Christ in our lives is symbolised by the use of blessed candles in the church and in our homes.

If you would like to donate candles to the church or to have candles blessed on 2 February for your own use, please leave them in the Sacristy this weekend.

**Feast of St. Blaise – Tuesday 03 Feb**

On the feast of St. Blaise, it is a long-standing tradition that we have our throats blessed, using these words and two crossed candles:

*Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr,  
may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and  
from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Hospitality on Wednesdays**

Do come along for tea / coffee and a chat with your neighbours in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesday next 04 Feb. and every Wednesday.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

We have Adoration on the First Friday of each month from the 10:00 am Mass until 11:30 am; all are welcome on next Friday, 06 February.

**The Family Mass**

We continue to celebrate the Family Mass on the second Sunday of each month. Please come along next Sunday 08 February at 11:30 am and join us for tea / coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre. Those who are reading or leading prayers might please come along early.

**Boxes of Envelopes for 2026**

There are a few boxes of Parish Envelopes to be collected from the church. Perhaps you could deliver one or two to neighbours who may not be able to collect them.

**Season of Lent 2026**

Lent occurs early this year with Ash Wednesday on 18 February 2026, Holy Thursday & Good Friday on 02 / 03 April; Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday on 04 / 05 April.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

The monthly meeting of the PPC will be held on Tuesday 10 February in the Parish Centre.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The monthly collection for the local conference of the SVP Society will be taken up after each Mass this weekend, Sat 31 January & Sun 01 February.

**Lá Fhéile Bríde - St. Brigid – Sunday 01 Feb**

Brigid was born at a time of major transition in 5th century Ireland. She embodies in herself the pre-Christian Celtic and Christian Celtic spirit. It is generally accepted that St Brigid built her double monastery for men and women in Kildare around 470 AD. Some scholars credit Brigid with pioneering monastic life in Ireland. Her monastery was acclaimed as a centre of education, pilgrimage, worship and hospitality until the 16th century when all the monasteries were suppressed.

Irish missionaries and migrants carried her name and spirit across the world. Pilgrims and visitors come to Kildare from all over the world seeking to walk in Brigid's footsteps. In more recent years we have noticed a reclaiming of the traditions and customs associated with her. Why is this so? Brigid's legacy has endured. Her life still speaks to us in the 21st century.

Brigid is remembered through the ages as a woman of the land. Her feast day on the 1st February marks the first day of Spring in the northern hemisphere. It is the season when we celebrate new life on earth. In a new hymn, she is invoked "to heal our wounds and green our Earth again." Many today draw inspiration from the respect which Brigid and our ancestors had for all creation. [ Source: <https://solasbhríde.ie> ]

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 31 Jan	18:00	Frank Davis (A); John Egan (A); Sheila & Gerard Fitzsimons (A); Tom Sparling (A); Kieran Coffey (A)
Sun 01 Feb	10:00	Eddie Cahill (A); Rita & Jimmy Ledwith (A)
	11:30	Marie Ryan (1 <sup>st</sup> A); Betty Phelan (A); Bobby & Nuala Holmes (A); Gordon & Hilary Holmes (A)
Mon 02 Feb	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues / Wed	10:00	Daily Mass
Thurs / Fri	10:00	Daily Mass
Sat 07 Feb	18:00	Kitty & Mattie Cooney (A); Mary & Gerard Gleeson (A)
Sun 08 Feb	10:00	Nora Bennis (A)
	11:30	Dermot Smalle (A)