



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 14th January 2024

Second Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Jan. 14 th	10.30am	Ted McCarthy (anniversary); Nancy Gaynor (birthday remembrance); Joseph (24 th av.) & George (13 th av.) Walsh
	12.30pm	Agnes Cronin, Emmet Place (13 th anniversary); Gretta Casey (8 th anniversary); John O'Hagan (28 th anniversary); Ann Neville (7 th anniversary) Kevin & Marie O'Donohue (anniversaries); John Conway (6 th av.), Harry Conway (2 nd av.), & Sarah & John Conway;
	5.30pm	Kevin Hanley (1 st anniversary); Anne O'Gorman (2 nd anniversary), Birdie & Louis Cremin, & Mark Leach
Mon. Jan. 15 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Tue. Jan. 16 th	10.30am	pro populo
Wed. Jan. 17 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Thur. Jan. 18 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Jan. 19 th	10.30am	Maeve Walsh (month's mind)
Sat. Jan. 20 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sun. Jan. 21 st	10.30am	Liam & Nellie MacNamara; Margaret Cronin — née Walsh (month's mind)
	12.30pm	Marion Lynch (1 st anniversary); Gerard Moore (month's mind)
	5.30pm	Margaret & Billy Hoare (anniversaries)

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **Lily Katie May Boswell**, daughter of Bridget and Oliver. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

POPE FRANCIS ON X (FORMERLY TWITTER)

Jan 12: Peace requires respect for every human life, starting with the life of the unborn child in the mother's womb, which cannot be suppressed or turned into an object of a commercial contract. Surrogate motherhood represents a grave violation of the dignity of the woman and the child.

Jan 11: Over 360 million Christians around the world experience persecution and discrimination because of their faith. More and more of them are being forced to flee their homelands. Peace also requires the protection of religious freedom.

PEACE IS PRIMARILY A GIFT OF GOD, BUT IT IS ALSO A RESPONSIBILITY INCUMBENT UPON ALL OF US.

SAINT ITA (NAOMH ÍDE)

Tomorrow, Monday 15th January is the feast day of St Ita (who together with St Munchin are the patron saints of this diocese). Ita (who was baptised Deirdre) was born (c.570AD) and raised near Drum in Co. Waterfod. She was said to embody the six virtues of Irish womanhood – wisdom, purity, beauty, musical ability, gentle speech and needle skills; she is also reported to have rejected a prestigious marriage for a life as a consecrated woman religious. At the age of sixteen, she moved to *Cluain Credhail*, a place name that has ever since been known as Killeedy – meaning "Church of St. Ita" – in County Limerick, where she founded a small community of nuns. She also set up a school for boys and St Brendan (the navigator) was one of her pupils. Ita died sometime around 570AD. Her grave, frequently decorated with flowers, is in the ruins of Cill Íde, a Romanesque church at Killeedy where her monastery once stood. Her church was destroyed by Viking invaders in the ninth century. The Romanesque church was later built over its ruins, but that too failed to survive. The site, however, remains a place of pilgrimage.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

► John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them, e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc. ► Where do you live? Jesus did not respond to the question by giving the disciples his address. He invited them to come and experience where and how he lived. Discipleship is a lived experience. What experiences have helped you to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him? ► What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there with them. What group experiences have helped your faith to grow? ► Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We live in a world that is broken, made obvious by the wars, violence, and conflict that rage around us. However, the night before Christ died, he gave his disciples a promise: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."*

Christ's peace is deeper than just the mere absence of conflict or discomfort. It is his peace that helps us through our daily troubles and persevere through difficult times.

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Those who understand others are clever.

Those who understand themselves are wise — Lao Tzu



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