



**St. Joseph's Church**  
**O'Connell Avenue, Limerick**  
**Church Notices, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Fourth Week of Easter**

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Bridget Dundon (20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
	12.30pm	Christina Allen (née Downes) month's mind; Eric (9 <sup>th</sup> av.) & Florence (8 <sup>th</sup> av.) Lynch; Michael Boland (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary) & his grandson Paul Considine (14 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Catherine Liston (11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary);
	5.30pm	Seán Carey (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary); Jeremiah Cahill (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary)
Mon. Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Special intention for Sorcha Casey
Tue. Apr. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Wed. Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	pro populo
Thur. Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Maureen O'Riordan (9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
Fri. Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Sat. Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Sun. Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
	12.30pm	Sheila Stockil (7 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Frederick (Freddie) Herriott (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)
	5.30pm	Intentions of Clergy

**RECENTLY BAPTISED**

We welcome into our Christian Community **David Delaney**, son of Nora Mary (Michelle) and Daniel, and **Oliver Francis Sheahan** son of Jean and Bryan. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

We extend our sympathy to her family and pray for the repose of the soul of **Sadie (Sarah) McMahan**, New Street whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here on Friday last, 19<sup>th</sup> April. . May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES**

If you have not yet returned your *Trócaire Box* we should be very much obliged if you would bring it in at your earliest available opportunity as we want to forward the value to Trócaire. (Someone said **"The longest, slowest trip the Trócaire Box will make is from the kitchen table to the church"**.)

**FROM DIOCESAN FACEBOOK**

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove.

**But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.**

**A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR 120 YEARS**

**This year, we are commemorating 120 years of God's faithfulness to us here at St. Joseph's. This special occasion calls for a special celebration!**

Please join us at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May for the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Brendan Leahy.

This celebration will be followed by refreshments in our Parish Centre which will be a great opportunity to welcome many of our friends who have attended St. Joseph's over the years and those within our Parish Community.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

***"Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and peace, wherever we find ourselves."***

Pope Francis offered that summary of our Christian vocation in his message for the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which the Church marks today, April 21, 2024. The Pope's message focuses on the theme: ***"Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace."*** The Holy Father noted that all Christians are called to welcome our God-given vocation to serve Him in the world, whether it be through the consecrated life, the priesthood, marriage, or as a single person. Gratitude, he said, should characterize World Vocations Day celebrations, as we recall the countless Christians who serve God in all walks of life. He especially invited young people to make room for God, so that they might find happiness in His call, which always respects our freedom. ***"Let Jesus draw you to Himself,"*** said the Pope. ***"Bring Him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let Him challenge you by His presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis."***

[Taken from article by Devin Watkins on:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-03/pope-francis-world-day-prayer-vocations-message-hope-peace> ]

**POPE FRANCIS ON X**

**Apr 20:** Let us awaken, set aside our indifference, and open the bars of the prisons in which we have sometimes shut ourselves. May each of us discover our #Vocation in the Church and in the world, becoming pilgrims of hope and artisans of peace!

**Apr 19:** Let us travel as pilgrims of hope towards the Holy Year. As we rediscover our #Vocation and share the various gifts of the Spirit, may we bear witness to Jesus' dream: that we may be a single family, united in the love of God.

**Apr 18:** God is peace and He desires #Peace. Those who believe in Him should reject war, which only worsens conflicts. War is always and only a defeat. It is a road leading nowhere; it opens no horizons but extinguishes all hope



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