



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 28th July 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. July 28 th	10.30am	Aaron Kelly (6 th anniversary); Michael Bannon (10 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Maureen Tracey (2 nd anniversary)
	5.30pm	Intentions of clergy
Mon. July 29 th	10.30am	Deceased members of the Dobbin & McGreggor families; Brendan & Kitty Barry, Criena Barry & Sr Regina Barry (anniversary); Special intention
Tue. July 30 th	10.30am	pro populo
Wed. July 31 st	10.30am	Deceased members of the Molloy & Coleman families
Thur. Aug. 1 st	10.30am	Michael Nash (senior)
Fri. Aug. 2 nd	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Aug. 3 rd	10.30am	George Fleming (14 th anniversary)
Sun. Aug. 4 th	10.30am	Adrian Noonan (1 st anniversary) & his sister Helen (birthday & anniversary remembrance)
	12.30pm	Vera Cummins (2 nd anniversary); Gerry Ryan (birthday remembrance); Joe Taylor (3 rd anniversary) & deceased members of Taylor & Desmond families
	5.30pm	Nellie Page

CLERICAL CHANGES

On 15th July, Bishop Brendan Leahy announced thirteen clerical changes throughout the Diocese of Limerick, to take effect from 28th September:

Our parish of St Joseph's together with the parishes of St Saviour's and Our Lady of Lourdes comprise the Croí Clann Naofa pastoral unit and this is how the changes impinge on the unit: our moderator, Fr John Walsh, has been appointed to the Slí Padraig pastoral unit as PP of the parishes of Donoughmore/Knockea/ Roxboro, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Holy Family, our PP Fr Liam Enright, has been appointed as Moderator of our Pastoral Unit and Fr Richard Keane, has been appointed as Co-PP of the pastoral unit with particular responsibility for the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes.

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Jul 27: By remaining close to the elderly and acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society, and in the Church, we will ourselves receive many gifts, many graces, many blessings! #GrandparentsAndTheElderly

Jul 26: The authentic Olympic and Paralympic spirit is an antidote against the tragedy of war and a way to put an end to violence. May sport build bridges, break down barriers, and foster peaceful relations. #OlympicTruce #Paris2024

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The bishops have commended the message of Pope Francis *Do not cast me off in my old age*, which the Holy Father has published for the fourth 'World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly' that occurs today, Sunday 28th July. The bishops say, "From the bottom of our hearts we thank grandparents and the elderly for passing on the precious gift of faith to our younger generations. This special day allows us to express our love and appreciation for grandparents and elderly members of families and communities in the most human of ways: by sharing our time and enjoying company. Our call to action is twofold: we encourage all to make time and visit grandparents and elderly loved ones and, in addition, to express on social media our affection for grandparents and elderly friends with posts using the hashtag #ElderlyandGrandparents."

Here is an extract from the message of his holiness Pope Francis for the IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

"Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71:9)

Dear brothers and sisters,

God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. *1 Sam 16:7*); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. *1 Peter 2:5*).

The full message is available at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20240425-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

LET THE TAXMAN HELP

We ask that those who received a request to renew their income tax relief mandate would sign and return the forms at their earliest convenience. If you are a PAYE or Self-assessed taxpayer and donate €250 or more (either as a single donation or in multiple donations) in one calendar year*, your donation can be worth up to 31% more to us. To allow us to claim the grossed up amount of tax associated with your donation **we need your mandate.**

Example: A donation of €250 will be grossed up at 31% as follows: €250 X 100/69 = €362.32 so the **tax refund** will be €362.32 – €250 = **€112.32.**

A donation of €500 will be worth an extra **€224.64** and so on. [*All donations that can be shown to have come from an individual in the course of the year, including those through the green (weekly) and yellow (monthly) envelopes, the Easter, Autumn & Christmas envelopes, and any other identifiable contributions, are taken into account.]

DIOCESAN FACEBOOK

Thought for the day: One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

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