

St. Joseph's Church O'Connell Avenue, Limerick Church Notices, Sunday 11th August 2024

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Day	Time	Name
Sun. Aug. 11 th	10.30am	Francis, Mary & Marie Bernadette Fannon (av's.);
		Gerry & Kay McNamara (anniversaries)
	12.30pm	Maura Lynch (anniversary);
		Sonny Moore;
		Bridget Lynch
	5.30pm	Gerard Quinn (anniversary);
		Christina Duffy (16 th anniversary)
		& remembering Jack & Terry Higgins
Mon. Aug. 12 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Tue. Aug. 13th	10.30am	pro populo
Wed. Aug. 14th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Thur. Aug. 15 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Aug. 16th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Aug. 17 th	10.30am	Danny O'Regan (13 th anniversary)
Sun. Aug. 18 th	10.30am	Teresa Hughes (2 nd anniversary)
	12.30pm	Winifred McNamara (6 th anniversary);
		Noel Meskell;
		The Gould family (anniversaries);
		Clement Casey
		P.J Garvey (3 rd anniversary);
		Florrie Frost (née Sherlock)
		Ronnie Mayne (31st av.), Gerard Mayne (27th av.)
		& Margaret (Peggy) Mayne (3 rd av.)
	5.30pm	Marie Daly (10 th anniversary)

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to her family, and pray for the repose of the soul of **Miriam Williams**, Southville Gardens, Ballinacurra whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday 8th August. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

SAINT LELIA OF KILLEELY

The diocese of Limerick today marks the feast of St. Lelia. Canon O'Hanlon, in his lives of the Irish saints, says of this maiden that "her era and her locality have not been distinctly revealed to us; but there is good reason for supposing that she lived at a remote period, and most probably she led a life of strict observance, if she did not preside over some religious institution in the province of Munster". Lelia is now generally identified with the Dalcassian saint Liadhain, great-grand-daughter of the prince Cairthenn whom St. Patrick baptized at Singland. There are no particulars or traditions about her, but she gives her name to Killeely (Cill Liadaini) just within the borough boundary of Limerick. Her feast day is August 11th. https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=707

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

- ► Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We must be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?
- ▶ When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?
- ▶ 'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love today is mediated to us through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of a sacrament?
- ▶ The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others? https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/21012/intercom-lens-of-the-gospel/(John Byrne OSA)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This feast day, which is a church holiday, falls on next Thursday 15th August. Pope Pius XII defined it on 1st November 1950 in his apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* as follows: "We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (1 January) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (8 December) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption.

INTERCOM MAGAZINE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Two hermits lived together for many years without a quarrel. One said to the other 'Let's have a quarrel as other men do.' The other answered, 'I don't know how a quarrel happens.' The first

said, 'Look here, I'll put a brick between us and I'll say 'that's mine.' Then you say, 'No, it's mine. That's how you begin a quarrel.'

So they put a brick between them and one of them said, 'That's mine.' The other said, 'No, it's mine.' He answered, 'Yes, it's yours. Take it away.' They were unable to argue with each other. Rowan Williams (Where God Happens – Discovering God in One Another)

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God

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