



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 15th September 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Sep. 15 th	10.30am	Bridget & Michael Doran (Ballinacurra Boreen); Phillip & Peggy Naughton; Phyllis O'Sullivan, Ashbourne Ave. (8 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Theresa Carey (1 st anniversary); Thomas & Emmie Geary (anniversaries); Seán Roberts (20 th anniversary); Bridie Kenihan (8 th anniversary); Jack Sciascia (12 th anniversary); Mary Bugler (month's mind))
Mon. Sep. 16 th	10.30am	Brian, Mai, Albert & Dermot (anniv.) Walsh; Deceased members of the Nolan & Smith families
Tue. Sep. 17 th	10.30am	pro populo;
Wed. Sep. 18 th	10.30am	Deceased members of the Walsh & Ahern families
Thur. Sep. 19 th	10.30am	Margaret Nash; Mary Clancy (20 th anniversary)
Fri. Sep. 20 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Sat. Sep. 21 st	10.30am	Deceased members of the Hayes & McElligott families
Sun Sep. 22 nd	10.30am	Phyllis McDonagh (14 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Tom Moloney (1 st anniversary)

NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community twins **Robert Sam Staunton** and **Jack William Staunton**, sons of Sinéad and William. 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 **Deirdre O'Connor (née Conway)** Cartown, Pallaskenry (and formerly of O'Curry Place) whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on next Tuesday, September 17th, at 12pm. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. John's Community Employment Project currently has a vacancy for an **Office/Administration person to be based here at St. Joseph's Church**. Duties will include: Telephone, taking enquiries at the parish office (located in the church), updating records and various other administrative duties. Full training will be provided for this position. To be eligible you must be in receipt of a social welfare payment or signing for credits at the Department of Social Protection for a qualifying period.

If you are interested please contact Fr. Liam on 087 7415603

Be the reason that someone believes that God is good.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

► 'Who do you say that I am?' Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?

► Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?

► There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour, we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, 'carry your cross' for a while to achieve some goal that was important to you? John Byrne OSA | <https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/21012/intercom-lens-of-the-gospel/>

POINTS TO PONDER

We can all find it easier telling people who we think they are than listening to them trying to tell us who they really are. In particular, we can struggle to hear the story of someone's brokenness, especially when the person speaking matters a great deal to us and has become very significant for us. No one wants to see a friend or a loved one suffer. Peter had left everything to follow Jesus. He wasn't able to hear Jesus talking about himself as a broken, failed, rejected Christ or Messiah. It was really only after the resurrection that Peter and the disciples were able to come to terms with Jesus' ignominious death as a rebel king on a Roman cross. It can be a struggle for us to accept failure and brokenness in others. That may be because to struggle at times to accept our own brokenness and failures. Jesus could accept his own pending experience of rejection, failure and brokenness and he could talk about it to those closest to him, because he trusted that God his Father would make him whole again. He believed that out of his suffering and death God would bring new life for himself and for others. Because he could accept the painful reality of his own brokenness and suffering, he was at home with the suffering and brokenness of others. The broken, the rejected, the failures of this world, flocked to him, and, in his presence, they began to become whole again. Fr Martin Hogan, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Clontarf, Dublin (Frmartinshomiliesandreflections) <https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/32301/intercom-points-to-ponder/>

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Sep 14: From the Cross of Christ we learn love that overcomes hatred; compassion that overcomes indifference; forgiveness that overcomes vengeance. Jesus' outstretched arms are the embrace of the tender love God offers us.

Sep 13: What breaks down walls and shortens distances are not so much words, ideals and theories, but friendship, meeting others and looking at each other face to face. #ApostolicJourney

Sep 12: God Himself is at the root of our capacity to love and be loved. In His Father's heart, God has desired to bring us into existence and redeem us in a completely gratuitous way. #ApostolicJourney

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