



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 25th February 2024

Second Week of Lent

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Feb. 25 th	10.30am	Frank Penny (2 nd anniversary); Tommy Gaynor (birthday remembrance)
	12.30pm	Peter Quinn (1 st anniversary); Fergal Roche (2 nd anniversary); Cyril Frawley 13 th anniversary)
	5.30pm	Madeline Power (6 th anniversary) & also remembering her husband Mick (38 th anniversary)
Mon. Feb. 26 th	10.30am	Deceased members of the Feeney family, Frank Feeney (16 th av.), Sr Brigette (Nellie) Feeney (16 th av.) also remembering at this time their parents, James & Bridie Feeney, their brother Fr Jimmy Feeney & Frank's wife Mary Feeney
Tue. Feb. 27 th	10.30am	Special Intention; John Mullins (anniversary)
Wed. Feb. 28 th	10.30am	Brian O'Brien (1 st anniversary)
Thur. Feb. 29 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Mar. 1 st	10.30am	Anna's Intentions
Sat. Mar. 2 nd	10.30am	pro populo
Sun. Mar. 3 rd	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
	12.30pm	Joan Berkery (7 th av.), Joe Byrne (28 th av.) & Rita O'Shea (4 th av.); Anne McNamara & all deceased members of the McNamara family & also remembering her brother Ben & sister Angela Keogh (both living)
	5.30pm	Elena O'Loughlin (died recently in France)

LIMERICK CHORAL FESTIVAL 2024

This year's Limerick Choral Festival, which takes place over the first weekend of March will be the first one since the pandemic. The festival will open here in St. Joseph's on Friday next, 1st March at 7.30pm with a concert entitled **Choirs Unite** which will feature two choirs: **Ancór** (Director Cecilia Madden) and the **Limerick Chamber Choir** (Director Máire Keary Scanlon) with accompanist Eóin Scanlon and violinist Diane Daly.

There will be a retiring collection.

SAINT PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

Here in St. Joseph's on Friday 15th March at 7.30pm, our local **Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Band** (with musical director Dr. Andrew Jordan) and the visiting **Freiburg Fire Brigade Wind Band** from Germany (with musical director Mr. Jona Fichtmueller) will present their Saint Patrick's Celebration. **Free Entry**

THE HOPE FOUNDATION

The Hope Foundation is a registered charity working with street-connected and slum-dwelling children in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India. Foundation volunteers work to free children and poor families from lives of pain, abuse, poverty and darkness. Children living on the streets are exposed to horrendous physical and sexual abuse. Those who survive are left to fend for themselves, with no promise of a safe future. They are forced to work from as young as five years of age to earn money for food and so cannot go to school. HOPE works to free them from child labour.

HOPE FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER

Rian Morrison, who will be talking at all masses this weekend, is one of 65 students chosen from Munster to go to Kolkata (formerly Calcutta, India next month. Rian is from our parish, he used to sing in our children's choir and he attended the Model School; he is going to see first-hand the work of the Hope Foundation in India.

He is fundraising at all masses this weekend to help get to **the €2500 target** each student needs to achieve. **He has already raised €1800** with his parents and family and any contribution you could give would be greatly appreciated.

If you want to contribute during the week or at next week's mass, he has envelopes available for you to take. You can return them to the church and they will be forwarded to Rian.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA CAMINO 2024

Focus Ireland believes that everyone has a right to a place they can call home. Join Focus Ireland 'In the Footsteps of St James' on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community's experiencing homelessness. Dates 27 May to 3 June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on **087 954 7007** or email events@focusireland.ie for details and bookings.

YEAR OF VOCATIONS TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD: TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST

Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mould them accordingly." — St. Ignatius Loyola (Taken from 'Year of Vocations...' Facebook page)

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Feb 24: If our #Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to open our eyes to reality. The cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us?

Feb 18: In this season of #Lent, let us retreat into the "desert." May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness. #Angelus

DIOCESAN FACEBOOK: THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Sometimes miracles are simply good people with kind hearts. Stop and smell the flowers once in a while.



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