



**St. Joseph's Church**  
**O'Connell Avenue, Limerick**  
**Church Notices, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**First Week of Advent**

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Day	Time	Name
Sun Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Eamonn Meaney (5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Noonan & Harrow families
	12.30pm	Emmie & Thomas Geary (anniversaries), Phil O'Doherty (anniversary) & Verette O'Doherty John Flynn (9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Gerard Duhan (8 <sup>th</sup> anniv.) & Kathleen Benn (anniv.); John Carlo Sala (8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Deceased members of the Barrett family; Kathleen & Paul Greany (19 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Kathleen O'Brien (23 <sup>rd</sup> av.) & Brigid McMahon (22 <sup>nd</sup> av.)
Mon. Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Purgatorial
Tue. Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Olivia O'Callaghan (anniversary)
Wed. Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	pro populo
Thur. Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Michael & Margaret Connery, & John & Kay Casey
Fri. Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Deceased members of Carmody & Kelleher families; Mai, Albert, Bryan & Dermot Walsh
Sat. Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sun Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Joseph, Kathleen & Gerry Ryan; Victor & Una Casserly (anniversaries); Phyllis O'Mahony (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Tom Lane (24 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
	12.30pm	Frank & Lena O'Brien; Caroline Russel (9 <sup>th</sup> av.) also Paddy & Mary Russell, Liam Coughlan, & Ross Cooney; Mickey Kenihan (25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Stephen Carey late parish clerk whose anniversary is on 11 <sup>th</sup> December, his wife Christina & all members of the Carey, Halvey, Metcalfe, Siegal & Peckham families; The Casey & Hayes family, & Mossey Donovan

**NEWLY BAPTISED**

We welcome into our Christian Community **Oliver Christy** and **Maisie Elizabeth Lowe**, children of Maria and David. 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 **Ann Egan** (Limerick, Cape Cod) whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Specially prepared Christmas cards featuring internal and external views of our church are available at €5 per pack of 6 assorted cards.  
 Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are available at €5 per card.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Today's church-door collection is the annual Christmas collection of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please give generously.

**ST JOSEPH'S 45 CARD DRIVE**

This card drive, in aid of The Redemptorist Christmas Appeal Fund, will be held in the Parish Centre this evening starting at 8.30pm sharp (the wrong time was given last week). All are welcome, with or without a partner. There will be three teams of two per table. There will also be a ticket draw with many prizes.

**LESSONS & CAROLS**

You are invited to join the congregation at St Saviour's Dominican Church for their **Christmas Lessons and Carols** on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are available now from the parish office (Mon-Fri 10am-2pm) or phone 085 726 2262. Tickets are €10pp (primary school children go FREE). **This is a fundraiser for St. Saviour's new heating system.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**There are ways families can celebrate the season of Advent:** An Advent wreath consists of a frame holding four candles placed inside a circle of evergreens. The greenery in the wreath symbolises the promised new life in Jesus. The four candles denote the four Sundays of Advent. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. Purple is a sign of penance and rose is the colour denoting the anticipation of joy. Light a candle on each Sunday evening of Advent, saying a short prayer or singing a verse of 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel.' The light of the candles represents the light coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.  
<https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/30126/intercom-thought-for-the-day/>

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

**For Pilgrims of Hope:** Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**POPE FRANCIS ON X**

**Nov 29:** Awaiting God is an important part of our journey of faith. Each day, the Lord visits us, speaks to us, reveals Himself in unexpected ways, and He will come again at the end of life and time. The Lord therefore urges us to stay awake, be vigilant, and persevere in waiting.



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