



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 8th December 2024

Second Week of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun Dec. 8 th	10.30am	Joseph, Kathleen & Gerry Ryan; Victor & Úna Casserly (anniversaries); Phyllis O'Mahony (4 th anniversary); Tom Lane (24 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Frank & Lena O'Brien; Caroline Russel (9 th av.) also Paddy & Mary Russell, Liam Coughlan, & Ross Cooney; Mickey Kenihan (25 th anniversary); Stephen Carey late parish clerk whose anniversary is on 11 th December, his wife Christina & all members of the Carey, Halvey, Metcalfe, Siegal & Peckham families; The Casey & Hayes family, & Mossey Donovan
Mon. Dec. 9 th	10.30am	Purgatorial
Tue. Dec. 10 th	10.30am	Deirdre & Fred Hockedy; Phyllis Collopy (month's mind)
Wed. Dec. 11 th	10.30am	Paschal Costelloe (11 th anniversary); Josephine Logue & Oliver Frawley
Thur. Dec. 12 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Dec. 13 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Dec. 14 th	10.30am	Deirdre Long (14 th av.—10 th Dec.); Diamuid Long (19 th av.—12 th Nov.) & 54 th birthday remembrance; Nellie Cantillon (anniversary occurs today); Deirdre Buckley (month's mind)
Sun Dec. 15 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
	12.30pm	John Byrne (9 th av.) & Anne Byrne (18 th av.); Margaret Cronin (1 st anniversary); Michael Lee & his daughter Madeline; Gerry Moore (1 st anniversary); Michael Doherty (5 th anniversary) & remembering his daughter Maura Fitzpatrick

As today (8th December) is Sunday, **the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** which is a **church holiday** will be celebrated tomorrow. We acclaim Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin'.

You are my refuge and my shield. I have hope in your word.

(PSALM 119:114)

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.

NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community **Liam Thomas Russell** son of Jennifer and William, and **Lola Nellie Ní Ghallechóir** daughter of Sorcha and Ciarán. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

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Friday 13th December: You are invited to join the congregation at 7.30pm for their **Christmas Lessons and Carols**. 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.**

Thursday 19th December: A great way to prepare for Christmas with a Eucharistic Healing Service, Reconciliation service and Anointing of the Sick from 7pm to 8pm.

Saturday 21st December: Christmas Carols at the Crescent Shopping Centre from 2pm to 4pm and confessions will be available in the Oratory during this time. **This is a fundraiser for St. Saviour's new heating system.**

See relevant posters on display at the back of the church.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Salvation is for all people. You don't have to be part of a particular ethnic group or nation. You can be a homeless person or a corporate CEO. Kings and queens, peasants and paupers, are all welcome in God's Kingdom. People of every race, generation, and tribe are all welcome. God's love is shown to all people. There is no entrance exam or need to perform certain good deeds. All people will see God's salvation and can enter in. Christmas is about the birth of a baby, but it is so much more. It is the birth of a Kingdom that is above every Kingdom, an opportunity for all people to be friends of God. ([ewlifenarrabri.wordpress.com](https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/30126/intercom-thought-for-the-day/))
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POPE FRANCIS ON X

Dec 2: Modern slavery—human trafficking, forced labour, prostitution, and organ trafficking—is a crime “against humanity”. Each of us is a reflection of the image of God, and we cannot tolerate that the image of the living God is subjected to such abhorrent exploitation.

Dec 4: Please, let us continue to pray for peace! War is a human defeat; it does not solve problems but only brings destruction. So many children and innocents die! Let us pray for all countries at war. Let us always pray for peace.

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