



**St. Joseph's Church**  
**O'Connell Avenue, Limerick**  
**Church Notices, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Second Sunday of Christmas, the Epiphany & Weekdays after the Epiphany**  
**Mass Times and Intentions**

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Denis Broderick (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary); Liam Maher (22 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary); Michael Galvin (34 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) Ann Neville (8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
	12.30pm	Michael & Mary Mescall (anniversaries); Kevin O'Donohue (9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) & Marie O'Donohue (27 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Andrew Hickey (16 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
Mon. Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	pro populo
Tue. Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Marie McGill (9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
Wed. Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Thur. Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Joan Gleeson (23 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary) <b>Pray for:</b> Agnes Cronin (14 <sup>th</sup> anniversary falls today)
Sun. Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ted McCarthy (anniversary); Joseph Walsh (25 <sup>th</sup> av.) & George Walsh (14 <sup>th</sup> av.)
	12.30pm	Noel Quirke (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary); Agnes Cronin (14 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Celia Gleeson (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Gladys Frawley

**NEWLY BAPTISED**

We welcome into our Christian Community **Stephen Thomas Kelly**, son of McKenzie and Peter, and **Thomas Gary Maguire**, son of Aoife and Benn. 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 his family, and pray for the repose of the soul of **Milo Gerard Hurley**, Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY**

**For the Right to an Education:** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away; behold, the new has come*

..2 Corinthians 5: 17

**THE EPIPHANY**

Tomorrow, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, is the solemnity of the Epiphany and is a church holy day. The Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God.

It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but it also focuses on his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.

In the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church, Theophany — as Epiphany is known in the East — commemorates the manifestation of Jesus' divinity at his baptism in the River Jordan.

However, the meaning of the feast goes deeper than just the bringing of presents or the end of Christmas: *"You can't understand the Nativity without Theophany; or you can't understand Nativity without Epiphany."* The revelation of Christ as the Son of God — both as an infant and at his baptism — illuminate the mysteries of the Christmas season. Our human nature is blinded because of sin, and we're unable to see as God sees, God reveals to us the revelation of what's going on."

The gifts the Wise Men brought — frankincense, myrrh, and gold — as gifts that point not only to Christ's divinity and his revelation to the Magi as the King of Kings but also to his crucifixion. In giving herbs traditionally used for burial, these gifts bring a theological "shadow, a sense of anticipation of what is to come."

Certain traditions have arisen around the feast, here in Ireland, it is also known as Women's Christmas (Nollaig na mBan) where women rest from housework and cleaning and celebrate together with a special meal.

Extracted from: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/35171/the-history-of-the-epiphany-heres-what-you-need-to-know>

**CANCER RESEARCH AND THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO**

**Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

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**Breakthrough Cancer Research** is the leading cancer research charity in Ireland, supporting more than 165 researchers at 13 institutions across the Island. The research is focused on developing new diagnostics and better treatments for poor prognosis and currently incurable cancers. Your support will help accelerate the research on difficult-to-treat cancers such as oesophageal, pancreatic, lung, brain, liver, stomach and ovarian.

**Pope Francis on X:** The Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is holy. And yet we have seen that even Jesus' parents did not always understand Him. Let us not be surprised if at times it happens that we do not understand each other. When it happens, let us ask ourselves: have we listened to each other?

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