



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Jan. 19 th	10.30am	John & Sarah Conway, John Conway & Harry Conway (anniversaries); Liam & Nellie MacNamara (anniversaries)
	12.30pm	Gretta Casey (9 th anniversary); John Lyons (1 st anniversary); James Byrne (anniversary); Margaret & Billy Hoare (anniversaries); John O'Hagan (29 th anniversary); Peg Curtin & Gladys Buckley (anniversaries); Vincent Lynch (4 th av.) & Marion Lynch (2 nd av.)
Mon. Jan. 20 th	10.30am	Purgatorial
Tue. Jan. 21 st	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Wed. Jan. 22 nd	10.30am	Scoil Mhathair Dé—Grandparents Day
Thur. Jan. 23 rd	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Jan. 24 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Jan. 25 th	10.30am	Kathleen & Denis Donnelly (remembrance)
Sun. Jan. 26 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
	12.30pm	John King (1 st anniversary); Paul Manching Tsang (2 nd anniversary)

NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community **John Anthony Flynn**, son of Bridget and Daniel. 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 **Catherine Twomey (née Kennedy)**, Ferndale, Ballinacurra Road, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Friday, 17th January. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FROM DIOCESAN FACEBOOK (15th JANUARY)

For anyone who would like to explore and deepen their faith in a gentle and warm setting.

► **Is there more to life than this?** ► **Who is Jesus?** ► **How can I have faith?**

Explore these and other areas of faith in a warm and gentle **online** Alpha programme on Mondays from January 20th to March 31st (approx) between 8 and 9.30pm. For more information or to register your interest please email chris.odonnell@limerickdiocese.org or phone 0876323309.

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This year, Catholic Schools Week will run from Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th January with the theme *Alive in Christ*. Reflecting on this, Catholic schools will explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ.

Catholic schools make an indispensable contribution to Catholic education. While such schools can never replace the home or the parish they have a crucial role to play in the education of the next generation of young people.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.

The *hour* of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed, yet even so something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the *signs* that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.

Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?

John Byrne OSA: <https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/21012/intercom-lens-of-the-gospel/>

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Jan 18: This year too we are called to pray, so that all Christians may return to being one family, consistent with the divine will that "all may be one" (Jn 17:21). Ecumenism is not an optional endeavour. #Prayer #ChristianUnity

Jan 17: The Church is called to bring to the lives of all people the calming certainty that God is mercy and that He loves us at every moment of our lives. God is always ready to forgive us and lift us up.

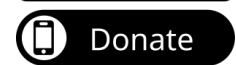
Jan 16: Jesus invites us not to be drawn in by worldly logic. We must rather listen to the least and the poor, because God loves to speak to us through them.

Jan 15: Jesus wants us to be free and happy, so He asks us to stop and listen to the suffering of the voiceless. Fighting exploitation, especially child exploitation, is the path to build a better future for the whole of society. #GeneralAudience

Jan 14: May the #Jubilee2025 be for Christians and non-Christians alike an opportunity to rethink the relationships that bind us as human beings and political communities. Let us overcome the logic of confrontation and embrace the logic of encounter, in order to build a future of peace.

EMBRACE NEW BEGINNINGS

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