



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 2nd February 2025

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Feb. 2 nd	10.30am	Tess Gloster (10 th anniversary); Michael Holmes (4 th av.) & Eilis Cunningham (av.); Breege Cosgrove (1 st anniversary)
	12.30pm	Marie McGrath (1 st anniversary); William Stevenson (2 nd anniversary); Moira & Michael Keogh; The O'Brien & O'Driscoll families
Mon. Feb. 3 rd	10.30am	Purgatorial
Tue. Feb. 4 th	10.30am	Deceased members of Molloy & Coleman family
Wed. Feb. 5 th	10.30am	Special intentions for Mamie
Thur. Feb. 6 th	10.30am	Claire Harrington (recently deceased)
Fri. Feb. 7 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Feb. 8 th	10.30am	Deceased members of the Deegan family, & John & Marion Murphy
Sun. Feb. 9 th	10.30am	Phil Skehan (8 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Brian Geary (12 th anniversary) & David (Davie) O'Loughlin (4 th anniversary); John McCarthy (16 th av.) & the Jones family; George McGee (20 th anniversary); Nancy Mulcahy (1 st anniversary) & Ger Mulcahy; Mark Browne (3 rd anniversary); Paul McDonogh (month's mind)

NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community **Emilia Grace Nikolosova**, daughter of Rachel and Nikolas, and **Martina O'Brien**, daughter of Breda and Seamus. 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 **William Patrick Neville**, late of Bowman Street, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday, 30th January. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

On this Feast of the Presentation, we are called to let the Lord enter into the Temple of our hearts. Jesus is not only presented in the Temple but also to you and me, to all of us, to the entire world. He is given to the entire world as a light shining in the darkness of our lives, uniting us in his love and grace. As a family of faith, we are called to live in the light and shine with the love of the Lord! May God continue to enrich all families with the strength they need to live a life pleasing to God in love and service to everyone we meet. (From: <https://spiritans.org/news/reflection-for-the...>)

CHRISTMAS DUES 2024

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to our Christmas Dues collection and to our Parish Clerk collection. (If you have, perchance, forgotten to send in your envelopes, your donation will still be gratefully accepted.) Your continued generosity and support is truly appreciated particularly in these extremely difficult economic times.

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

We are in the course of distributing the green weekly offering envelopes for 2025. The new envelopes come into use from this Sunday February 2nd and we thank all of our parishioners who avail of the envelopes.

Amounts donated by way of the weekly green envelopes and the dues envelopes are aggregated and if the annual total reaches (or exceeds) €250 and you are a taxpayer we can reclaim the tax you paid and so increase the value of your donations.

A weekly contribution of €5 (*€4.81 to be exact*) in the **green envelopes alone** will bring your contributions over the annual €250 minimum.

If anybody would like to join the envelope list please contact Úna, our parish clerk.

FEBRUARY 2025: THE POPE'S INTENTION

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Feb 1: Our hope is based in God for whom "nothing is impossible" (Lk 1:37). This hope enables #ConsecratedLife to keep writing its great history well into the future toward which the Holy Spirit spurs us, so that He can do great things with us.

Jan 31: With God at our side, we can overcome despair and live each moment as an opportune time to start again. In our worst moments, let us not close in on ourselves. May we talk to God about our pain and help each other to bear it.

Jan 30: Christian #Hope is greater than any situation in life, because hope has its foundation in God, not in other people. What seems impossible for human beings is possible for God (Mt 19:26).

Jan 29: God never stops dreaming of us becoming men and women of hope, harmony, and peace, as people who are not overcome by adversity. May we have the courage to dream for ourselves what God dreams for us! #GeneralAudience

Jan 28: The Word of the Lord cannot remain only a fine abstract idea or stir up only a passing emotion. Scripture invites us to change our gaze and allow our hearts to be transformed into the image of the heart of Christ. #WordOfGod

Jan 27: Let us forcefully reaffirm today that the seeds of anti-Semitism must never again be allowed to take root in the human heart. Remembering the suffering and tears of the victims of the Holocaust, let us repeat: never again!

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