



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 9th February 2025

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Feb. 9 th	10.30am	Phil Skehan (8 th anniversary); Mass in Thanksgiving
	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); Joe Liddy (5 th anniversary); Paul McDonogh (month's mind)
Mon. Feb. 10 th	10.30am	Purgatorial
Tue. Feb. 11 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Wed. Feb. 12 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Thur. Feb. 13 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Feb. 14 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Feb. 15 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sun. Feb. 16 th	10.30am	Bernie Timmons (17 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Maeve O'Dwyer (anniversary); Lily Lee

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of **Tommy O'Connor**, Cartown, Kildimo whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Wednesday, February 5th and **Gould Geary**, South Circular Road whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday, February 6th. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ACCORD BLESSING AND THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All are welcome to view Bishop Denis Nulty leading Accord's annual blessing for engaged couples on **Wednesday**, 12th February, at the Shrine of Saint Valentine in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Whitefriar Street, in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The blessing begins at 2.00pm, followed by the celebration of Mass at 3.00pm for the intentions of all engaged and married couples. **Please note that the 2pm blessing will be livestreamed on the Catholic Bishops' Facebook page at [facebook.com/IrishCatholicBishops](https://www.facebook.com/IrishCatholicBishops), while the 3pm Mass can be viewed via webcam at [churchservices.tv/whitefriarstreet](https://www.churchservices.tv/whitefriarstreet).**

FROM DIOCESAN FACEBOOK

If anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:31)

Love one another as I have loved you (John 15:12)

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour (Luke 2:4-7)

HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

There are **four Holy Hours for Vocations** coming up at St. John's Cathedral, Limerick! We hope to see every parish in the diocese represented, to join in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, asking Him to bless our diocese with vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage. Join us from 7:30-8:30pm on **19 February, 19 March, 30 April, and 21 May**. Can your family spare an hour on a **Wednesday** night to pray for the youth of our diocese in this Jubilee Year of Hope? For more details, contact vocations@limerickdiocese.org

SPIRIT SPACE: SPIRITUALITY AND THE BIG QUESTIONS

There are many big questions in life, especially when we contemplate the future. Questions such as 'What makes my life significant?' 'How will I support myself?' and 'Who will accompany me on my journey?' However, arguably even bigger questions include 'Is there actually a God?' and 'What brings meaning to life?'

A small group of *everyday people* has considered these questions and wishes to offer their thoughts in a series of short talks followed by a chance for you to discuss; no preaching, no piety, just a chance to air your own thoughts. The talks will be held at Hook & Ladder (Downstairs), Sarsfield Street, V94 TN88 on **Mondays** from 7.15pm to 9pm.

► 10th February: Is there a God? ► 17th February: Is Christianity just a moral myth?

► 24th February: Science vs Faith—Is God irrelevant? ► 3rd March: How can a good God allow suffering? ► 10th March: What gives life meaning?

To register your interest, email spiritspacelimerick@gmail.com or just turn up on the night. More information at SpiritSpaceConversations on Facebook and Instagram. No charge.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION TALK

This talk, which will take place in **Milford Care Centre, V94 H795**, Education Department on **Tue 25th February 2025 from 7pm to 8.30pm**, is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available and Question Time.

The Information Talk is Free. No booking required, Check in from 6.40pm

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Feb 4: Our heavenly Father wants us to accept one another as brothers and sisters of a single family and to work for a future together with others, not against them. True wealth lies in people and in good relationships with others. #HumanFraternity

Feb 3: Children who are denied their childhood are a silent cry denouncing the inequality of our economic system, the criminality of war, and the lack of medical care and education. These injustices weigh most heavily on all little ones and on the weakest.



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