



**St. Joseph's Church**  
**O'Connell Avenue, Limerick**  
**Church Notices, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

**Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Thomas Kelly (17 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Pope Francis
	12.30pm	Christy Lowe (29 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Noel Naughton (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary); Rita Curtin (month's mind); Tom & Theresa Moore (anniversaries); William Patrick Neville (month's mind)
Mon. Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Purgatorial
Tue. Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Special Intention: Mary McNamara
Wed. Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Deceased members of the Feeney family, Frank Feeney (17 <sup>th</sup> av.), Sister Brigitte (Nelly) Feeney (17 <sup>th</sup> av.), Moira Glover (née Feeney) —12 <sup>th</sup> av. & also remembering at this time their brother Fr Jimmy Feeney, Frank's wife, Mary Feeney & Moira's husband Ron Glover; Kevin Mulqueen (anniversary)
Thur. Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Deceased members of Walsh & Ahern families
Fri. Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Hanora Graham (17 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Deceased members of Hayes & McElligott families
Sun. Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
	12.30pm	Denis Bugler (9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Shannon O'Halloran (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary); Joe Roche (8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Joe Byrne (29 <sup>th</sup> av.), Joan Berkery (26 <sup>th</sup> av.), Rita O'Shea (5 <sup>th</sup> av.) & Aidan Byrne (1 <sup>st</sup> av.); Cora de Freitas (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary)

**NEWLY BAPTISED**

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **Mick Patrick Flynn**, son of Mary 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 **Margaret Tydings (née Hanley)**, Meagher Avenue, Prospect, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**THE POPES INTENTION MARCH 2025**

**For families in crisis:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**GAMBLING SUPPORT SERVICE**

The Southill Family Resource Centre: is launching a new Gambling Support Service which is specially designed to assist individuals and families affected by gambling and gambling-related issues. The Support Service will offer a variety of resources, including personalised counselling, group therapy sessions, and educational workshops; the team consists of dedicated and compassionate professionals who are devoted to helping those affected by gambling problems to navigate their way to recovery and reclaim their lives. Contact Dylan Johnston, Gambling Counsellor at Southill Family Resource Centre, 267 Avondale Court, O'Malley Park, Southill Tel: 083-4143648 E:dylan@southillfrc.com

**LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent falls on next Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. The former strict Lenten rules have been relaxed, but the emphasis on penitential practice and almsgiving remains, and many also observe a meatless fast on Fridays during Lent. In addition, we may choose to give up specific pleasures, such as sweets, alcohol, or social media, during Lent as a way to foster simplicity and self-control; and so use our cravings or desires for these items as a reminder to pray and to refocus on spiritual matters.

(Extracted from: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ash-Wednesday-Christian-holy-day>)

**LENTEN DESERT DAY:**

**On next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025** from 10.30am to 5pm at Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Muchin's, Corbally, V94 925C. The day will consist of a silent retreat with Eucharist & Sacrament of Reconciliation with the theme '*Turn to the Lord your God.... For He is all tenderness and compassion*'. The day will be facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM & Máire Hearty RSM. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/coffee/snacks provided.

Donation €20; To book your place

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**POPE FRANCIS ON X**

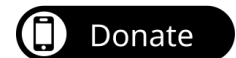
**Feb 25:** For this coming #Lent, enriched by the grace of the Jubilee Year, I want to offer several reflections on what it means to "journey together in hope" and discover the summons to conversion that God's mercy addresses to each one of us. @vaticanIHD <https://vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/20250206-messaggio-quaresima2025.html>

**Feb 23:** I have recently received many messages of affection, and I have been particularly struck by the letters and drawings from children. Thank you for your closeness, and for the consoling prayers I have received from all over the world!

**Feb 23:** I urge you to continue your apostolate with joy and to be a sign of a love that embraces everyone, as the #GospelOfTheDay suggests. May we transform evil into goodness and build a fraternal world. Do not be afraid to take risks for love!

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." —Pope Francis

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