



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 23rd March 2025

Third Week of Lent

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Mar. 23 rd	10.30am	Tommy Gaynor (27 th anniversary); Michael Joseph Kelly (64 th av.), James Costelloe (64 th av.), Oona O'Brien-Kelly (34 th av.) & Seamus Kelly (11 th av.)
	12.30pm	Joan Elliott (month's mind); Monica Coughlan (late of Wilton, Cork) Lynda Gallivan (5 th anniv.) & Susan Gallivan (7 th anniv.); Margaret Tydings (month's mind); Brian Dooley (16 th anniversary); Mabel O'Mahony & Peggy Cantrell (anniversaries); George Byrne (month's mind); Leonie Cleary (month's mind)
Mon. Mar. 24 th	10.30am	Purgatorial;
Tue. Mar. 25 th	10.30am	John Troy (38 th anniversary); Special Intention
Wed. Mar. 26 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Thur. Mar. 27 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Fri. Mar. 28 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sat. Mar. 29 th	10.30am	Kathy Donnelly — née McGuinness (8 th anniversary)
Sun. Mar. 30 th	10.30am	Noel Noonan (6 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Donal Killeen (3 rd anniversary)

WEDDING BELLS

We extend our heartiest congratulations and pray for God's blessings on **Bryan Tracey** and **Jennifer Nolan** who celebrated their marriage here on Friday, 21st March. May the Lord bless them with joy, love, and happiness as they begin their new life together.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to her family, and pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Casey**, O'Connell Avenue, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday March 20th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM BEGINNING EXPERIENCE TEAM

► Are you grieving the loss of your wife, husband or partner? ► How are you coping? ► Do you find you need a little more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a Team of widowed, separated, divorced people who can help you through your grief process. They will hold a Beginning Experience residential weekend from **Friday 4th to Sunday 6th April 2025** at the 'Star of the Sea' Centre in Mullaghmore, Co Sligo. **Further details from:** Maureen 087 6646896 or Ursula 086 3070279

The Lord is Compassion and Love

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Bishop Leahy has just published a new book on the teenager saint, Carlo Acutis, who died in 2005 and will be canonised in April this year. In the book entitled, *In Conversation with Saint Carlo Acutis!* Bishop Brendan invites readers to imagine a personal conversation with Carlo, exploring his wisdom, faith, and passion for spreading the Gospel. With reflections on his love for technology, sports, and care for the poor, this book explores also Carlo's prayer and love for the Eucharist. Copies of the book are available through Amazon or on sale at the Abbey Bookshop and the The Redemptorist Monastery Shop phone: (061)400252) or at St. Paul's bookstores. Orders can also be placed with St. Paul's by email: sales@stpauls.ie or Phone: (01)628 5933 or WhatsApp: 089 482 3784. See also the Website: <https://stpauls.ie/product/in-conversation-with-saint-caelo-acutis>

PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together".

You can become a **Pilgrim of Hope** for others by ► Taking a short-term Pioneer Pledge for Lent. ► Spiritually adopting someone who is on an Alcohol Treatment program.

► Learning the 12 Steps of the AA fellowship

More information at www.pioneerassociation.org

ADVICE FROM SAINT MATTHEW

"When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." —Matthew 6:16-18

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Mar 16: Let us continue to pray for peace, especially in the countries wounded by war: tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mar 16: I would like to invite you, today, to join me in praising the Lord, who never abandons us and who, in times of sorrow, places people beside us who reflect a ray of His love. I thank you all for your prayers, and I thank those who assist me with such dedication.

Mar 16: Our bodies are weak but, even like this, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being for each other, in faith, shining signs of hope.

Mar 9: I think of the many people who find various ways to be close to the sick, becoming a sign of the Lord's presence for them. We need this "miracle of tenderness" to accompany those who face adversity, in order to bring a little light into the night of pain.

FROM DIOCESAN FACEBOOK

If you root yourself in love and kindness, your heart will always bloom. (Alexandre Vasiliu)

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