



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 4th May 2025

Third Week of Easter

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. May 4 th	10.30am	Nora Hanly (anniversary)
	12.30pm	The Brosnan family; Ger Clohessy (month's mind) & his uncle Michael Tobin (also month's mind); Kathleen Kelleher (1 st anniversary); James Butler (recently deceased)
Mon. May 5 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Tue. May 6 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Wed. May 7 th	10.30am	Bridget Moynihan (anniversary)
Thur. May 8 th	10.30am	Philomena Gleeson (27 th av.), Cyril Patrick McMahon & Cyril Vincent McMahon; Get well — Pamela Cronin, Irene McMahon & Edward Beech
Fri May 9 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sat. May 10 th	10.30am	Mary Molloy (24 th anniversary)
Sun. May 11 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
	12.30pm	Charlie McKiniry (month's mind); Babs Storan (7 th anniversary); John Crowe (anniversary); Brendan (8 th av.) & Phyllis (18 th av.) Clinton

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to his family, and pray for the repose of the soul of **William (Willie) Lyons**, Richmond Terrace, Henry Street, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Wednesday April 30th. May his souls and the soul of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

The **March for Life 2025**, organised by the Pro-Life Campaign will take place tomorrow, **Monday, 5th May in Dublin at 2 p.m.** (meeting point: St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies!

For more information and to check out bus transport to the event see www.marchforlife.ie

ORDINATION

We ask you to keep **Deacon Tim Collins** in your prayers as he prepares for his **Ordination to the Priesthood on next Sunday May 11th**. You are welcome to attend the ordination ceremony at St. John's Cathedral on May 11th at 3.00 pm.

Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.

. MONTH OF MARY: MAY DEVOTIONS

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard)

It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

"This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy."

In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honour, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary.

Taken from <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/240688/month-of-mary-may-devotions>
Marian Readings for every day of the month of May are available at this web page.

BIODIVERSITY

Remember the advice from the experts on Irish pollinators. You don't need wildflower mixes to make a meadow. Just mow less. Real, local wildflower seeds are already in the soil waiting for a chance to emerge. Choose patience, not packets, and let those Dandelions bloom. Dandelions are the number one food source for pollinators on the Island of Ireland.

BROADFORD GARDEN DAY

You might also be interested in **Broadford Garden Day on next Saturday 10th May** where you can get loads of tips and ideas to help you enjoy and enhance your garden: from designing your garden, choosing suitable flowers, feeding your soil (or not), making compost to hearing about how biodiversity begins with trees from Éanna Ní Lamhna, Next **Saturday** promises to be an exciting and entertaining day in Broadford. As well as all these interesting talks, stall holders from the locality will display and sell their produce. Many different, unusual and interesting plants will be for sale. Come along to what promises to be a great day.

Stay positive! The only difference between a good day and a bad day is your attitude.

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