



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 29th June 2025

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Jun. 29 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
	12.30pm	Paddy Hurley (1 st anniversary); Charles Elliott (47 th anniv.) & Catherine Elliott (34 th anniv.)
Mon. Jun. 30 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Tue. July 1 st	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Wed. Jult 2 nd	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Thur. July 3 rd	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Fri July 4 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sat. July 5 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sun. July 6 th	10.30am	Bríd Reidy (anniversary)
	12.30pm	Kathleen Brosnahan (birthday remembrance); John Coyne (13 th anniversary)

NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **Athena Éireann Austen Gibbons**, daughter of Ryan and Antigoni-Tania, and Baby Kaia Ann Moloney, daughter of Noel and Chloe Elizabeth. 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 **Anne Kennedy (née Garrett)**, Laurel Hill Court, Summerville Avenue who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Ss Peter & Paul. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. **Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock.** The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord.

He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded

by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67.

He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Ss. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

Extracted from: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/sts-peter-and-paul-501>

CANON DONOUGH O'MALLEY: DIAMOND JUBILEE

Canon Donough O'Malley will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination today, Sunday 29th June at 12.30pm. Parishioners and friends are invited to gather here at St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue, to celebrate this truly momentous occasion: the 60th Anniversary Mass for Canon Donough O'Malley.

The Mass will mark six decades since Canon Donough's ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood. It will not only be a tribute to his dedicated service to all whom he has ministered to, but also a celebration of the priesthood of all the baptised. The Mass will be on Sunday, 29th June at 12.30pm. All are most welcome to attend. We give thanks for the deep and lasting impact he has made throughout his years of service. The 60th Anniversary Mass will be more than just a commemoration of Canon Donough's ordination; it will be a heartfelt expression of thanksgiving for a life devoted to service, faith, and community.

We give thanks for his ministry defined by faith, friendship, and unwavering commitment to the service of God and His people.

Following the Mass, all are welcome to the Parish Centre for light refreshments

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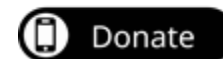
Fr. Liam Enright will celebrate his final Mass as Parish Administrator here in St. Joseph's on next Sunday 6th July at 12.30pm.

We gather with him in thanksgiving for his time in our Parish and we wish him well for the appointment he is taking up in the Shannon Pastoral Unit in West Limerick. All are welcome to attend this celebration which will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre

...He has set them like twin lights of eyes in that Body whose head is Christ."

St Pope Leo the Great on Ss Peter & Paul

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