



St. Joseph's Church

O'Connell Avenue, Limerick

Church Notices, Sunday 27th July 2025

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. July 27 th	10.30am	Aaron Kelly (7 th anniversary); Joseph, Kathleen & Gerry Ryan
	12.30pm	Kathleen Clarke (2 nd anniversary) & her husband Paddy Clarke (26 th anniversary); John Power (4 th anniversary)
Mon. July 28 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Tue. July 29 th	10.30am	Catherine Keating (month's mind)
Wed. July 30 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Thur. July 31 st	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Fri. Aug. 1 st	10.30am	Michael Nash (senior)
Sat. Aug. 2 nd	10.30am	George Fleming (15 th anniversary); Lil Bawn Moloney (8 th anniversary); Brian O'Brien (20 th anniversary)
Sun. Aug. 3 rd	10.30am	Gerard Ryan (birthday remembrance)
	12.30pm	Anna O'Farrell (month's mind)

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of **David Dillane**, Little O'Curry Street, (originally Fedamore) whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday, 24th July, and **E. Kevin Donnelly** (Retired Harbour Master Limerick/Shannon Estuary) whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here tomorrow, Monday 28th July at 11.30am. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

JULY 20TH IN THE ROUND (Fr. Raymond J. de Souza)

Last Sunday, to mark the anniversary of the moon landing in 1969, Pope Leo XIV had a video call with Buzz Aldrin (the last surviving astronaut from the historic Apollo 11 mission), who was delighted and moved to speak with the Holy Father and receive his blessing.

Robert Prevost was 13 that summer of '69 and, like millions of other teenage boys, certainly gazed up at the sky in wonder. That fall, he would leave Chicago for a high school seminary in Michigan.

I hope that Pope Leo likes anniversaries. I do. They liberate us from what is happening right now, and remind us of happier things, of the various intrusions of Providence into history. Or perhaps better to say, remind us to be more attentive to the Providence that does not intrude so much as sustain and support and surround us.

(The opening paragraphs of an article on <https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2025/07/26/july-20th-in-the-round/>)

FROM DIOCESAN FACEBOOK PAGE

The moment you accept responsibility for everything in your life is the moment you gain the power to change anything in your life.

— Hal Elrod

POPE LEO XIV ON X

Jul 25: The communities that welcome migrants and refugees can be a living witness of a society where the dignity of all as children of God is recognised and in which all are brothers and sisters, part of the same family. #WDMR2025 @vaticanIHD

<https://vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.html>

Jul 20: This evening, 56 years after the Apollo 11 moon landing, I spoke with the astronaut Buzz Aldrin. Together we shared the memory of a historic feat, a testimony to human ingenuity, and we reflected on the mystery and greatness of Creation.

Jul 20: Tragic news continues to arrive in these days from the Middle East, especially from Gaza. I express my profound sadness regarding last Thursday's attack by the Israeli army on the Catholic Parish of the Holy Family in Gaza City, which as you know killed three Christians and and gravely wounded others. I pray for the victims, Saad Issa Kostandi Salameh, Foumia Issa Latif Ayyad, Najwa Ibrahim Latif Abu Daoud, and I am particularly close to their families and to all the parishioners.

Jul 20: Sadly, this act adds to the continuous military attacks against the civilian population and places of worship in Gaza. I again call for an immediate halt to the barbarism of the war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict. I renew my appeal to the international community to observe humanitarian law and to respect the obligation to protect civilians, as well as the prohibition of collective punishment, the indiscriminate use of force and the forced displacement of the population.

Jul 20: To our beloved Middle Eastern Christians I say: I deeply sympathise with your feeling that you can do little in the face of this grave situation. You are in the heart of the Pope and of the whole Church. Thank you for your witness of faith. May the Virgin Mary, woman of the Levant, dawn of the new Sun that has risen in history, protect you always and accompany the world towards the dawn of peace.

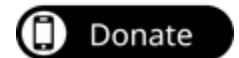
Jul 20: Every true encounter is free and cannot be bought: whether it is with God, with others, or with nature. We must simply become guests: make space and also ask for it; welcome and allow ourselves to be welcomed. We are called not only to give, but also to receive. #Angelus

Jul 20: In today's #GospelOfTheDay (Lk 10:38-42) Jesus is a guest at the house of Martha and Mary. One of the sisters welcomes him with much attention, while the other listens to him while sitting at his feet. Service and listening are twin dimensions of welcome. <https://vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250720-omelia-albano.html>

Never assume that you are stuck with the way things are. Life changes every single moment, and so can you.

—RALPH MARSTON

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