



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 10th August 2025

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Aug. 10 th	10.30am	Maura Lynch (13 th anniversary); Noel Mescall (2 nd anniversary); Kay & Gerry McNamara (anniversaries)
	12.30pm	Sean & Nellie Page; Vera Cummins (3 rd anniversary)
Mon. Aug. 11 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Tue. Aug. 12 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Wed. Aug. 13 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Thur. Aug. 14 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Fri. Aug. 15 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sat. Aug. 16 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sun. Aug. 17 th	10.30am	The Gould family; Winifred McNamara (7 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Danny O'Regan (14 th anniversary); Florrie Frost (8 th anniversary); Marie Daly (11 th anniversary); The Gould family

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of ► **Maeve O'Brien-Kelly (née Kelly)**, Redgate, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday, 7th August. ► **Brian J. Kealy**, St. Joseph's Street, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here tomorrow Monday, 11th August at 11:30am. ► **Liam Killeen**, (late of Donnellan's Villas), whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday next 12th August at 11.30am May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBANUS ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

The Knights of Saint Columbanus Limerick council will host their annual men's retreat on **Saturday, September 20th, 2025**, from 10 am to 5pm. The theme of the retreat is: "Jesus, I trust in you - The starting point for spiritual growth". The retreat is being facilitated by Fr. Joseph Hayes, SJ, and the venue is the diocesan centre, Saint Munchins College, Corbally. Lunch will be provided, and the donation for the day is €20. Further information can be had by calling Declan at **087 618 7586** or Gerry at **087 410 6025**.

FROM DIOCESAN FACEBOOK PAGE

FORGIVE. It's not easy. It's not fair. But, if we want peace in our soul, **it's not optional.** Let it be His strength, not yours that carries you through today.

Do not lose hope in times of trouble, for God is working in the unseen. His hand is steady, and His timing is perfect in bringing good out of difficulty. **ISAIAH 43:19**
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (LK 12:34)

ST LELIA

The diocese of Limerick keeps the feast of St. Lelia, which falls on 11th August. The day is observed as a commemoration in all other Irish dioceses. Canon O'Hanlon, in his lives of the Irish saints, says of this maiden that "her era and her locality have not been distinctly revealed to us; but there is good reason for supposing that she lived at a remote period, and most probably she let a life of strict observance, if she did not preside over some religious institution in the province of Munster". Lelia is now generally identified with the Dalcassian saint Liadhain, great-grand-daughter of the prince Cairthenn whom St. Patrick baptized at Singland. There are no particulars or traditions about her (in the 17th century she was said to be the sister of St. Munchin), but she gives her name to Killeely (Cill Liadaini) just within the borough boundary of Limerick. St. Lelia's church in Limerick is located on Killeely road.

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was already being celebrated on 15 August in the 5th century. It bore the sense of Our Lady's "Birth into heaven", or in the Byzantine tradition, her "Dormition". The feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the middle of the 7th century. It was not until 1 November 1950, that Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of Mary's assumption body and soul into heaven. In the Apostles' Creed, we profess our faith in the "Resurrection of the body" and in "life everlasting". This is the ultimate goal and meaning of our life's journey. This promise of faith is already accomplished in Mary, who is the "sign of sure hope and comfort" (Preface). It is a privilege granted to Mary, and closely connected to her being the Mother of Jesus. Since death and the corruption of the human body are consequences of sin, it was not right that the Virgin Mary – who is free from sin – should be affected by this natural law. Hence the mystery of her "Dormition" or "Assumption into heaven". The fact that Mary has already been assumed into heaven is a reason to celebrate, to rejoice, to hope in the "already and the not yet". One of God's creatures – Mary – is already in heaven. With her, and like her, we too, who are God's creatures, will one day be there too. Mary's destiny, united to the transfigured and glorious body of Jesus, is, therefore, the destiny of all those who are united to the Lord Jesus in faith and love.

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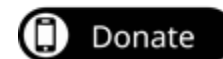
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POPE LEO XIV ON X

Aug 3: What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom and mediocrity? The fullness of our existence does not depend on what we store up or what we possess. Rather, fullness has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share. #JubileeOfYouth

Aug 2: To be free, we need to start from a stable foundation, from a rock that supports our steps. This rock is a love that precedes us, surprises us and is infinitely greater than us: the love of God. #JubileeOfYouth

Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much.
St. Catherine of Siena



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