



## St. Joseph's Church O'Connell Avenue, Limerick

### Church Notices, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Sep. 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Phyllis O'Sullivan (anniversary); Brendan Ryan (5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
	12.30pm	Theresa Carey (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary); Tom Moloney (anniversary); Eddie & Thomas Geary; Michael Collery (anniversary))
Mon. Sep. 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Seán Roberts (21 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)
Tue. Sep. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Molyneaux family; Brian, Mai, Albert & Dermot Walsh
Wed. Sep. 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	John O'Shaughnessy (40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Jim Farrar (29 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); David Fitzpatrick (anniversary)
Thur. Sep. 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Fri. Sep. 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sat. Sep. 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sun. Sep. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
	12.30pm	Breigh Henry, Dermot Hurley, Richard Hurley & Henry Hurley (anniversaries), & infant Darina Joyce & baby John Hurley

#### THEWAY.IE

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#### RAISING HOPE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

A seminar/discussion on this topic will be held on Saturday next, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm at Knock House Hotel, F12 R6Y5 with panel discussions and guest speakers Éanna Ni Lamhna (Scientist & Broadcaster), Jane Mellett (Outreach Officer —Trócaire) and Dr Brendan O'Keeffe (Geographer & Social Scientist)

Bookings: email Nicola at [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie). Cost €15. [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

#### HOW GREAT THOU ART FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Doon Charity, Clare's Wish Foundation (*The only Irish charity granting wishes to adults with a terminal Medical Illness*) is delighted to announce that its Charity Patron Red Hurley will be in Limerick **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 8:15pm with his annual How Great Thou Art Fundraising concert in aid of Clare's Wish Foundation. Tickets are on sale now from the Redemptorists, Limerick Church shop (061 315099) or [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) For queries contact Clare's Wish Foundation at 061 201674 or email [clareswishfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:clareswishfoundation@gmail.com)

#### FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ~ Galatians 6:14*

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation.

Although we commemorate these three historical events today, the core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result.

The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new; this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice.

**Prayer:** Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Extracted from *My Catholic Life* at <https://bit.ly/46ip4JT>

#### POPE LEO XIV ON X

**Sep 13:** The “globalization of indifference” Pope Francis warned about now seems to have become a globalization of powerlessness. Faced with injustice and innocent suffering, we are more aware — but risk doing nothing, overcome with a feeling of helplessness. Yet history is saved by the humble, the just, and martyrs, in whom goodness shines and humanity endures and is reborn.

**Sep 13:** There are so many victims — mothers, children — whose cries rise from the depths of the Mare Nostrum, not only to heaven but to our hearts. Many migrant brothers and sisters rest in the soil of #Lampedusa like seeds, waiting to sprout into a new world.

**Sep 12:** Fraternity is the most authentic name for closeness. It means rediscovering the face of the other. For those who believe, they recognize the Mystery: the very image of God in the face of the poor, the refugee and even the adversary. #HumanFraternity

**Sep 11:** Jesus became poor to make us rich (2 Cor 8:9). He has shown us the way of God, who does not reveal Himself to us in power, but in the love of a Father who calls us into communion with Himself.

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