



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

Church Notices, Sunday 30th November 2025

First Week of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Nov. 30 th	10.30am	Mary Prendergast (month's mind); Nellie & Liam MacNamara
	12.30pm	Gerard Duhan; Stephen & Ena Cronin, & the McGrath family (late of Wolfe Tone street); Martin & Paul McDonnell (anniversaries); Michael & Breda Ahern, & Mary O'Gorman (anniversary); Richard Stack (month's mind); Ger Noble (month's mind); Kathleen O'Brien (24 th anniversary) & Brigid McMahon (23 rd anniversary)
Mon. Dec. 1 st	10.30am	John Flynn (10 th anniversary)
Tue. Dec. 2 nd	10.30am	John Carlo Sala (9 th anniversary)
Wed. Dec. 3 rd	10.30am	Olivia O'Callaghan (15 th anniversary)
Thur. Dec. 4 th	10.30am	Jackie Lee (1 st Anniversary)
Fri. Dec. 5 th	10.30am	Mai, Albert, Bryan & Dermot Walsh
Sun. Dec. 7 th	10.30am	Victor & Una Casserly (anniversaries); Fr Kevin Quinn SJ (29 th anniversary); Deirdre Long (16 th av.) & Diarmuid Long (20 th av.)
	12.30pm	Michael Keyes; John Carlo Sala (9 th anniversary); Paddy Hackett, Geraldine Hackett & Pat Hackett (anniv.) Frank & Lena O'Brien; Tom Lane (25 th anniv.); Hugh O'Brien (5 th anniv.); Stephen Carey late parish clerk whose anniversary is on 11 th December, his wife Christina & all members of the Carey, Halvey, Metcalfe, Siegal & Peckham families; Caroline Russell (10 th av.) also Paddy & Mary Russell, Ross Cooney & Michael Coughlan

ST JOSEPH'S ADVENT POSADAS

What is Posada? Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Our modern Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives different 'hosts' the chance to create their own celebration in their homes or places in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night?

What is involved? All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota after mass or in the sacristy, for a night that will suit you to 'host' Mary & Joseph.

You can collect the statues from the church or your allocated day.

For the evening when you 'host' Mary & Joseph you can choose to do whatever you like. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas?

The next day you need to take Mary & Joseph to the next host on the Journey Rota.

It's as simple as that

Christmas is Coming

As we prepare for Christmas, we remember the homeless in Limerick city and county and those less well and in need. Members of the Parish and friends are invited to select an item from the list and buy a gift for men and women living on our streets. For example it could be a sleeping bag, an item of clothing, toiletries etc. The gifts will be distributed by NOVAS to those who are homeless over Christmas or during the New Year.

Please bring your gifts to St Joseph's church no later than Sunday, December 14th.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Sleeping Bags, Foil Blankets, Underwear and socks for men and women (preferably white)
Hand towels and Bath towels, Hats, scarfs and gloves for men and women, Water bottles, Travel mugs

New and Unused TOILETRIES:

Hair Care - Hair masks, Dental care - Dental floss etc., Skincare - moisturiser, sunscreen, face wash, Shaving foam/gel, facial wipes, makeup, Body care - body lotion
Only new items please.

CHRISTMAS MASS IN SPANISH

Sunday, December 14th at 3:00pm in St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Ave V94 NR29 (Across from Griffith College) Let us celebrate together the birth of Jesus with joy, faith, and family unity. After Mass, we will share a Christmas coffee gathering and Christmas carols. Organised by: Hispanic Community of Limerick Contact: Laura (083 357 0944) / Miriam (083 957 8573)

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

The school is holding its annual Christmas fundraiser in St Joseph's Parish Centre on Saturday, December 13th at 11:30 am.

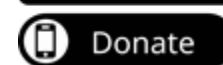
Stella Maris is an independent primary school that does not receive government funding. Its mission is to provide authentic Catholic education centred on the person Jesus Christ. Please come and support; all ages welcome.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas Reconciliation Service will take place on Friday, December 12th at 6pm here in St Joseph's church. All welcome

O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart

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*Simply scan with your camera phone and donate to St. Joseph's
Thank You*