



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 7th December 2025

Second Week of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Dec. 7 th	10.30am	Victor & Úna 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 (av.) Frank & Lena O'Brien; Tom Lane (25 th anniversary); Hugh O'Brien (5 th anniversary); Michael Lee (late of O'Connell Avenue); 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 anniv.) also Paddy & Mary Russell, Ross Cooney & Michael Coughlan
Mon. Dec. 8 th	10.30am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	5.45pm	
Tue. Dec. 9 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Wed. Dec. 10 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Thur. Dec. 11 th	10.30am	Michael Costelloe (12 th anniversary)
Fri. Dec. 12 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sun. Dec. 14 th	10.30am	Joseph, Kathleen & Gerry Ryan (anniversary)
	12.30pm	Anne Byrne (19 th anniv.) & John Byrne (10 th anniv.); Margaret Cronin (2 nd anniv.), & pray for her husband Dermot Cronin & her daughter Úna Blake; Michael Doherty (6 th anniversary) & daughter Maura Fitzpatrick

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tomorrow, Monday 8th December is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a church holy day. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated here at 10.30am and 5.45pm.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic dogma that states that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. That's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated each year on December 8th.

The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

[Extracted from: www.catholic.com/tract/immaculate-conception-and-assumption]

GIFTS FOR THE POOR

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 CAROLS AT AN MHÓDH SCOIL

The Model school choir will be having a Christmas Carol concert on **Thursday 11th December from 2:30pm to 3pm** in the Infant yard. (Come in through usual door).

In aid of Focus Ireland. All are 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

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.

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)

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God desires us to assist in His saving work here on earth. In this #Advent season, let us prepare our hearts not only to recognize the ways that God comes to meet us, but also the ways in which He asks us to participate in His life. #JubileeAudience

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