



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

### Church Notices, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

#### Fourth Week of Advent

#### Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Kathleen Ryan (anniversary); Nora Noonan; John & Esther Galvin, & son Con; Dermot Healy (av.), Roger, Frances & Noel Healy, & Frances Hanley; Anne & Charlie Hanrahan (birthday & Christmas remembrance); Myra & Fonce McGrath (anniversaries)
	12.30pm	Brian Kealy (recently deceased Joy Murray (month's mind); Mossie Donovan (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary); Jerry Moore (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniv. ); John & Breda English, & Mickey English; Kathleen Ryan ( anniversary ); Maeve Walsh ( anniversary ); Trudy Kiely (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary ); Myra & Fonce McGrath (anniversaries); Eileen Storan (100 <sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance); Charles and Sharon McKiniry (remembrance)
Mon Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Kay O'Flynn (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary); Paul Quirke (sick)
Tue. Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Margaret Hoare (anniversary)
<b>Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve / Oíche Nollag</b>
<b>Thur. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Christmas Day / Lá Nollag</b>
Fri. Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Patricia, Seán & Gemma Deegan
Sun. Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Noel O'Halloran (6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Anne & Dan Delaney
	12.30pm	Bernie & Frank Flavin (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary); Jim O'Riordan; Paddy Horan (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)

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#### RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to her community and family, and pray for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Clare Farrell**, Sisters of Mercy, Mount St. Vincent Convent, O'Connell Avenue whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLLING IN THE CRESCENT

**Enjoy some Christmas carolling in the Crescent Shopping Centre from 2pm to 4pm tomorrow, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.** This event is a fundraiser for the Frassati Youth Club which is based at St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Glentworth street.

Have fun: Enter the raffle, Enjoy Sweets and Treats, Song Books will be provided.

**Confessions available in the oratory during this time.**

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**N.B. CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve 7.00pm and Christmas Day 10.30am**

### Christmas Message from Canon Derek

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the joyful feast of Christmas, I extend my heartfelt wishes to each one of you and to your families. May the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your homes with peace, hope, and lasting joy.

Christmas reminds us that God is with us. In the child born in Bethlehem, God comes close to our human lives—sharing our joys, our struggles, and our hopes. This holy season invites us to welcome Christ into our hearts and to make our celebrations truly meaningful through prayer, gratitude, and love.

I encourage you to use this special time to strengthen your family bonds—by coming together, sharing meals, exchanging gifts, and, most importantly, forgiving one another. Let us also reach out to those who may feel lonely or in need. Even the smallest acts of kindness can become powerful signs of God's loving presence.

On this joyful occasion, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the members of our Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and our large team of volunteers who give so much to the Parish. Thank you for taking such good care of me as well. I truly feel supported, welcomed, and blessed in this parish.

May the newborn Saviour bless our parish, our families, and our community with health, peace, and unity. May the coming year draw us ever closer to Christ and to one another.

With prayers and blessings,

**Canon Derek Leonard**

#### POPE LEO XIV ON X

**Dec 19:** Before the holy night of #Christmas, find one person with whom to make peace. This will be a more precious gift than any that can be bought, because peace is a gift found only in the heart.

**Dec 19:** The birth of the Prince of Peace (Is 9:6) reveals to us the true meaning of the word #Peace, which is not only an absence of war, but a friendship among peoples founded on justice. All of us desire this peace for nations wounded by conflict. Yet, let us remember that concord and respect begin with our daily relationships #Christmas

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