



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 4th January 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas, the Epiphany & Weekdays after the Epiphany
Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Jan. 4 th	10.30am	Paul McDonough (1 st anniversary); Michael Galvin (anniversary); Denis Broderick
	12.30pm	Andrew Hickey (anniversary); Michael & Mary Meskell (anniversaries); Ann Neville (9 th anniversary); John Driver (anniversary); Margie & Andy Whelan, & their son John Whelan
Mon. Jan. 5 th	10.30am	Deceased members of Hayes, McElligott & O'Neill family
Tue. Jan. 6 th	10.30am	Deceased members of Walsh & Ahern family
Wed. Jan. 7 th	10.30am	Marie McGill (10 th anniversary); Deceased members of Molloy & Coleman family
Thur. Jan. 8 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Fri. Jan. 9 th	10.30am	Gerard Mary & Simon Hughes; Deceased members of McGreggor & Dobbin family
Sun. Jan. 11 th	10.30am	Agnes Cronin (anniversary)
	12.30pm	Noel Quirke (2 nd anniversary); John Gleeson (anniversary); Marie O'Donoghue (28 th anniversary) & Kevin O'Donoghue (10 th anniversary)
	3.00pm	Mass in Spanish Misa en español

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to Helen Byrne & family and pray for the repose of the soul of her brother-in-law Paul Clerkin of Dungarvan, Co. Waterford who died on Dec 24th. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

NEW YEAR MASS IN SPANISH

Will be celebrated on Sunday, January 11th at 3:00 p.m. here in St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue (Across from Griffith College) All welcome.

After Mass, we will have refreshments in the Parish Centre. Organised by: Hispanic Community of Limerick Contact: Laura (083 357 0944) / Miriam (083 957 8573)

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has written to acknowledge the contributions to the Christmas collection, which totalled €952.

Check out our Parish Facebook page at "St Joseph's Parish Limerick".

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

The pilgrimage will be led by our bishop, Most Reverend Brendan Leahy. There will be two departure dates on 18th and 19th June, giving the option for a 5 or 6 night stay. The cost will be from €995 per person sharing with direct return flights from Shannon to Lourdes and, airport transfers and assistance in Lourdes

5 or 6 nights' hotel accommodation depending on chosen departure date with full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day

Airport taxes 20kg check-in luggage » Full services of Joe Walsh Tours representatives throughout the pilgrimage » Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with the Diocese of Limerick

For information and to book, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office:

Telephone: - (061) 350 000

Email: Lourdespilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org

Post: Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Munchins, Corbally, Limerick V94 925C

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Next Tuesday, January 6th, is a church holyday: the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord commemorates the visit of the magi to worship the baby Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew: "Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'"

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, which means "to manifest," "appear," or "make known." The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world. The magi, or kings, or seekers from the East, stand in for all the peoples of the earth, for Jesus comes not just for one group of people but for all.

Excerpt from: <https://portlanddiocese.org/solemnity-epiphany...>

Full article available at: <https://bit.ly/3N1gIQN>

POPE LEO XIV ON X

Jan 1: At the dawn of the New Year, the Liturgy reminds us that for each of us, every day can be the beginning of a new life, thanks to God's generous love, his mercy and the response of our freedom.

Jan 1: It is beautiful to view the coming year as an open journey to be discovered. Indeed, through grace, we can venture forth on this journey with confidence – free and bearers of freedom, forgiven and bringers of forgiveness, trusting in the closeness and goodness of the Lord who accompanies us always

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