

<p>Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick</p> <p>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>		<p>Parish Newsletter</p> <p>19 January 2025</p> <p>PLEASE TAKE & READ</p>
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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity occurs from 18 to 25 January. It is an opportunity to remember all that we share with our fellow Christians. The theme for this year is one of faith using the question: *“Do you believe this?”* [John 11:26], the essential question of faith as posed by Jesus to Martha concerning the death and resurrection of her brother Lazarus.

Catholic Schools Week 2025

Running from this weekend, Sun 19 to 25 January, 2025, the theme for Catholic Schools is: *“Alive in Christ”*. Schools will explore what it means to be fully alive, living life to the full in Christ. Day by day, they will focus on life with our friends, our faith community, our families and others, living life to the full and for the good of all.

[For more, see www.ceist.ie, the website of Catholic Education an Irish Schools Trust]

Preparation for First Communion

This Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass, we welcome especially the boys from JFK School, the Salesian Girls and their families, as they continue with their spiritual preparation for First Holy Communion in May.

Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year with the theme of Hope – Hope which does not disappoint - Hope in God. The Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica was opened on Christmas Eve 2024 and it will remain open for the year.

Normally celebrated every 25 years, the Jubilee Year is a time to rejoice in our Catholic Faith. We are encouraged to show mercy, to forgive others, to reach out to the marginalised and to renew ourselves. Bishop Brendan Leahy has emphasised that going on pilgrimage to a national or local site, as an opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer, is a big part of Jubilee.

[Bishop Brendan’s video message may be viewed on the Diocesan website at www.limerickdiocese.org. See also the Bishops Conference at www.catholicbishops.ie.]

Offertory Collection

In the Basket Collection this weekend, please remember to make a contribution for **Diocesan Needs** and next weekend for **Social Services**. Thank you.

Hospitality on Wednesdays

We will resume service of tea / coffee / biscuits in the Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass / Prayer Service on Wednesday next 22 January. Please come along and share a chat with friends and neighbours.

Parish Envelopes for 2025

Quite a few Boxes of Envelopes for 2025, for the Weekly Collection, remain to be picked up from the Church. Please find yours on the top seat, where they are arranged by envelope number. If you can bring one to a neighbour, that would be very helpful and much appreciated.

Reflections on Giving

Copies of this booklet, which has been produced by Bishop Brendan Leahy, are made available this weekend for parishioners to take and to read. In it, Bishop Brendan speaks of ‘giving’ not only in the sense of ‘giving to charity’ but in the more general sense of ‘giving to society’ and ‘making the world a better place’.

Mass Intentions

Sat 18 Jan	18:00	John Egan (A); Peter Meehan (A) Karen Rooney (McCaffrey)
Sun 19 Jan	10:00	
	11:30	Kathleen Finucane (A); Tony Harty (A); Fergal Grimes (A)
Mon 20 Jan	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 21 Jan	10:00	
Wed 22 Jan	10:00	
Thur 23 Jan	10:00	
Fri 24 Jan	10:00	
Sat 25 Jan	18:00	Lawrence & Joan Cullinan (A); Seán Hartigan (1 st A)
Sun 26 Jan	10:00	
	11:30	Kevin O’Reilly (1 st A); Liam Ahern (A); Paddy Hartmann (A).

<p>Mass Times: Daily Mass – Mon to Fri – 10:00 Sat Vigil & Eve of Holy Day – 18:00 Sunday & Holy Day – 10:00 & 11:30</p> <p>Baptisms: Sat 17:00 & Sun 12:15 by appointment</p> <p>Marriages: by appointment</p>	<p>Priests: Canon Des McAuliffe P.P. 061 324825 Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel - 087 2997733</p> <p>Adoration: First Friday 10:30 to 11:30; Oct to May; except for funeral days</p> <p>Parish Website: www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie</p>	<p>Parish Clerk: Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy tel - 061 325 288</p> <p>Office Hours: Mon - Fri 09:00 to 09:45 & Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30</p> <p>Church Open for Private Prayer: Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00</p>
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