

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Limerick
1964 - 2024**



**Parish Newsletter
14/15 December 2024**

GAUDATE SUNDAY

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

A complete update of all records regarding Volunteer Forms is commencing in the parish. As part of this, Church Groups and groups using Church facilities, where applicable, are asked to have volunteer forms completed by members and returned to the Sacristy by the 20th December, 2024. Forms are available on the Limerick Diocese website, www.limerickdiocese.org or in the Sacristy.

Groups include Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Flower Arrangers, The Parish St. Vincent de Paul team, The leaders of the Lansdowne Active Retirement Group, The family Mass team and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council etc.

Anne will personally contact team leaders and individuals who may need their Garda Vetting updated.

Anne Kennedy, Parish Safeguarding Representative.

HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS: Please join us for tea / coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass this Wednesday 18 December for our special Christmas Celebration. Our thanks to Anne and her team.

REMEMBRANCE TREE: The cards for the Remembrance Tree are in the basket at the foot of the tree. Please fill in a card with the names of those who will be away from home and who you would like included in our Parish prayers during the Christmas Season and hang it on the Remembrance Tree.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: To mark the final step of our preparation for Christmas, there will be a short Penitential Service which will include the opportunity for Confession each morning after 10am Mass this coming week.

ADVENT TALKS: The last Advent talk with Fr. Joe Hayes is this Monday, 16 December, in the **church** of Our Lady of the Rosary at 7.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We welcome the Salesian girls and the JFK boys and their families this Sunday to 10am Mass as part of their preparation for their First Holy Communion in 2025.

VOCATIONS

Please pray for eight young men who will be participating in a Monthly Discernment Group for the Diocesan Priesthood, beginning after Christmas in Limerick. Is God calling you or someone you know to join this group? Contact Sister Mary Sheila, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Limerick before Christmas to schedule an interview meeting: vocations@limerickdiocese.org or 083-364-5818.

REDEMPTORISTS CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL:

'Leave no one behind this Christmas'. Donations to Mount St Alphonsus or donate online at www.Redshampers.ie

LIMERICK FUEL FOR THE POOR: On behalf of the Knights of Saint Columbanus we would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of The Rosary Parish for significantly supporting the Limerick Fuel for the Poor Collection. The collection was €2.166.57.

CHRISTMAS DUES: The Christmas dues envelopes for the Parish Clergy and the Sacristan will be distributed to houses during the week. If you are contributing by cheque, please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'. A big thank you to all those who volunteer with the distribution of the envelopes

CAROL SERVICE: We welcome *Voices of Limerick* this weekend for their annual Service of **Carols and Seasonal Readings** after the 6pm Vigil Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14th	18:00	Henry Morris (A) & the deceased members of the Morris Family Peter Phelan (A) Martin O'Brien (A)
Sun Dec 15th	10:00 11:30	Jerry McKeon (A) Paddy, Peig and John Quane (A) Michael Meaney Snr. (A) Michael Meaney Jnr. (A) John Collins (A)
Mon 16th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 17th	10:00	James Cantillon (A) Deceased members of the Cosgrave Family (A)
Wed 18th	10:00	Prayer Service
Thur 19th	10:00	George O'Mahony (A)
Fri 20th	10:00	Audrey Lawlor (A) Tom Clohessy (A)
Sat 21st	18:00	Josie & Seamus Morris (A) Tom (Brian) Curtin (Remembrance)
Sunday Dec 22nd	10:00 11:30	Michael O'Farrell (A) Mary O'Rourke (A) Leo Murphy (A) John Clifford (Remembrance) Jim & Rose Hurley (Remembrance)