

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Limerick
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**Parish Newsletter
29/30 March 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(LAETARE SUNDAY)**

SEEING OUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL:

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The two clear lessons from today's Gospel are:

1. I can be absolutely sure of God's mercy and forgiveness, provided I turn back to him in true sorrow.
2. I need to have the same attitude of compassion with people who offend me. I must be ready to forgive and be reconciled. I cannot refuse to love someone that God loves.

- There are three people in this story and we can identify with all of them:

- The son who went far from his Father and followed his own way in the most degrading behaviour.
- The son who thought he was good and observant, but deep down did not have the mind of his Father at all. He kept the commandments and all the rules but did not have a forgiving heart.
- The father whose love never changes no matter what his children do and is ready to accept them back every time without exception.

Which of these most represents me? Which one would I want to be like? Many say they identify most with the elder son, which of course is the point of the story. They who are the real sinners are those who shut their hearts against Gods Compassionate love.

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A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRENDAN LEAHY:

During Lent, Bishop Brendan has been reading again some of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ. It is certainly a text that is worth meditating. It is full of spiritual gems. It invites us to rediscover 'the importance of the heart' as the first chapter puts it. A great Lenten theme.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS led by Br. Jim Dormer, will be held each Friday during lent after 10 a.m. Mass.

HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS: Please come for tea/coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10a.m.

Mass on Wednesdays. It is a great opportunity to meet up with your friends and neighbours. We look forward to seeing you there. Our thanks to Anne and her team.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The monthly collection for the local conference will be taken up after each Mass next weekend 5^t /6th April.

CONVERSATIONS IN PARISHES: In the coming months Bishop Brendan hopes to launch conversations in parishes to do with the future of the parish, its viability or need to co-operate with neighbouring parishes or, indeed, to amalgamate. All of this with a view to a greater ability to engage in mission together.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council meets in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 8 April at 7.30 pm.

SUMMERTIME: Summertime returns this weekend with the clocks going forward by one hour

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29th	18:00	Margaret Hayes (A) Geraldine Corbett (A) Sr. Gertrude Hourigan (A)
Sun 30th	10:00 11:30	Mother's Day Anne Keane (A) Jean Keane (A)
Mon 31st	10:00	Pro Popolo
Apr 1st	10:00	Gerald Mulvin (A)
Wed 2nd	10:00	
Thurs 3rd	10:00	
Fri 4th	10:00	St Isadore of Seville
Sat 5th	18:00	Paddy Finucane (A) Tom Noonan (A) Christopher O'Neill (A)
Sun 6th	10:00 11:30	Mary Casserly (A) Margaret Ryan (A) Bridie, Willie, Michael, Martha & Joe Coffey (A)

REFLECTION: Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage – **Pope John 23rd**

<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 Baptisms: Sat 17:00 & Sun 12:15 by appointment Marriages: by appointment</p>	<p>Priests: Canon Des McAuliffe P.P. tel: 061 324825 Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel: 087 2997733 Adoration: First Friday after 10:00 Mass. Parish Website: www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie</p>	<p>Parish Clerk: Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy Tel: 061 325 288 Office Hours: Mon - Fri 09:00 to 10:30 & Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30 Church Open for Private Prayer: Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00</p>
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