


<p>Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick</p> <p>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p>		<p>Parish Newsletter 19th February 2023</p> <p>PLEASE TAKE ONE</p>
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Temperance Sunday

This Sunday, 19th February, is designated as a Day of Prayer for Temperance. A special Mass, celebrated by the Pioneer Association, will be broadcast on RTE television and radio at 11:00 am. Prayers will be offered for all who are on a road to recovery from addiction and for their families.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 5: 38-48

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?
2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What outcome did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them ... at the time, and in the long-term?
3. From other passages in the gospels, it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when, and how, to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?

John Byrne OSA

Ash Wednesday & Lent

On Wednesday next, 22nd February, we begin the Season of Lent with our observance of Ash Wednesday. Traditionally marked by prayer and fasting, Lent is essentially a time of preparation for Easter and reflection upon the Resurrection.

Mass Times in our Church: 10 am & 5:45 pm

Having ashes blessed and applied to one's forehead is a long-standing tradition as a sign of our creation from dust and a symbol of penance. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses. Dry ashes will also be available for those who can take them to housebound parishioners. Just wet them at home before application to the forehead.

Repent and be faithful to the Gospel.

Trócaire boxes will be available in the Church. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Lenten Appeal through parishes, which is a significant part of their annual fundraising, is always well supported at Our Lady of the Rosary.

Pope Benedict XVI: Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: Who we are, where we come from, where we must go. What path we must take in life.

Pope Francis: Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

Stations of the Cross

Starting on Friday next, 24th February, and for each Friday during Lent, Br. James will lead a Way of the Cross after the 10:00 am Mass. This will be streamed live from the Ambo.

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you,
Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

Fr. Peter McVerry in Limerick

Fr. Peter McVerry S.J. will speak on the topic: Jesus Social Revolutionary? on Ash Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at Mary Immaculate College from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. The venue is the Tara Forum area beside the Lime Tree Theatre and the talk will be preceded by a classical harp recital from Dr. Teresa O'Donnell at 12:40 pm. All are welcome.

Desert Day – A Lenten Retreat

On Sat. 25th Feb. at the Diocesan Centre, Corbally, from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm, there will be a one-day retreat with the theme: Season of Lent Desert Day – Time Apart with God. Donation: €20. The atmosphere will be one of silence and reflection, prayer and meditation, with Reconciliation and Eucharist. Further details from Phyllis Moynihan RSM at moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com; booking is essential.

Lenten Talks by Fr. Joe Hayes

Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. will present a series of Lenten Talks on the theme: How we can help Celebrate and Renew our Catholic Faith. The venue is Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Centre and the talks will be given on Wednesdays, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, from Wed. 1st March to Wed. 5th April, 2023.

Mass Intentions

Sat 18 th Feb	18:00	Joe Sheahan (Rec Dec); Tony O'Sullivan (A); Penny Family & Finucane Family
Sun 19 th Feb	10:00 11:30	Martin Griffin (2 nd A) Michael Herbert; Claire Kelly (A); Rita Keane (A)
Mon 20 th Feb	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 21 st Feb	10:00	Dermot Woods (Rec Dec); Eileen Webster (A)
Wed 22 nd Feb	10:00	Kitty O'Mahony (A)
Thu 23 rd Feb	10:00	Deceased members of Egan Family
Fri 24 th Feb	10:00	Catherine Laverty (Rec Dec); Bobby O'Donnell (Rec Dec)
Sat 25 th Feb	18:00	Peggy Flanagan; Brendan Murphy
Sun 26 th Feb	10:00 11:30	Jacqueline Cleary (A); Aidan Larkin (A)