

<p>Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>		<p>Parish Newsletter 21st January 2024</p> <p>PLEASE TAKE ONE</p>
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A New Crib for Next Christmas

You may have heard our priests speak last weekend about the crib structure which we have been using for many years. It has served us well but it is somewhat difficult to put it together each time and to take it down for storage. Does wood get heavier as we get older?

We would like to replace it for next time and we invite ideas from parishioners for a simpler structure and setting for this important feature of our Christmas celebrations.

Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Council met on 16th January. There was a discussion on the plans for the 60th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. It is proposed that the main celebrations will be held during the month of October. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is 7th October and many events are to be held during that week. Suggestions included Special Celebratory Mass, Exhibition of Photographs, a History of the Parish, a Parish Mission.

Ad hoc committees are to be formed to help organise some of these events. If you have any suggestions and/or if you would like to be part of a committee, we would like to hear from you. Contact Mary on 087 2488956 or Margaret in the Sacristy.

The Parish Council would like to thank Marian Fayne for all her volunteering activities down the years in the parish. Marian has organised the Wednesday morning coffee and chat for many years. She is handing over the reins to Anne from 31st January. The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th February 2024.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish History

As we begin to celebrate the foundation of our parish, we draw your attention to the website. Under the heading 'Our Parish', you will find in 'Parish History' a brief account of the building of the Church, originally as a Church of Ease in St. Munchin's Parish, as well as an account of the various works of art with which it is adorned.

Parish Newsletter & Website

If you wish to suggest material for the Weekly Newsletter and/or for the Parish Website, or if you want to advertise activities of parish and community groups, please leave a note in the Sacristy in good time. Address it to the Editors and include your name with mobile and/or e-mail for contact. Wednesday at 10:00 am is the deadline for the weekend newsletter.

Fundraising for Cratloe Parish Church

An Evening of Entertainment in aid of Cratloe Church will be presented on Friday 26th Jan. and on Saturday 27th Jan. at Cratloe Community Hall from 8:00 pm. Tickets €10.

Parish Envelopes for 2024

Some Boxes of Envelopes for 2024, for parishioners who contribute to the Weekly Collection in this manner, remain to be collected from the Church. If you haven't got yours yet, it is most likely there at the top right. If you can take some for your neighbours, please do.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity occurs from the 18th to 25th of January. It is an opportunity to remember all that we share with our fellow Christians. Prayer resources for use during this week may be downloaded from the website of the Diocese of Limerick, www.limerickdiocese.org.

This year we recall the parable of the Good Samaritan and the message "Go and do likewise". The Catholic and Church of Ireland Bishops of Armagh have recorded a conversation on the theme: "love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself". This video may be viewed on YouTube from a link on the website www.catholicbishops.ie.

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back in its full capacity for 2024, bringing a full team of workers and assisted pilgrims. If you know someone (family member, neighbour, friend etc) who would like to travel as part of our assisted pilgrim section please let them know. Further information available from Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

Mass Intentions

Sat 20 th Jan	18:00	Peter Meehan (A); Thomas Brian Curtin (Bir Rem), also for daily Mass goers in the Parish
Sun 21 st Jan	10:00 11:30	Tony Harty (1 st A); Fergal Grimes (2 nd A)
Mon 22 nd Jan	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 23 rd Jan	10:00	Eithna & Fachtna McCarthy (A); Thomas Brian Curtin (Bir Rem), also for daily Mass goers in the Parish
Wed 24 th Jan	10:00	Purgatorial
Thur 25 th Jan	10:00	Purgatorial; Diana Walsh (A)
Fri 26 th Jan	10:00	Emmet Griffin (A); Liam Ahern (A); Tom Lonergan (RIP)
Sat 27 th Jan	18:00	John Moloney (MM); Thomas Sparling (A); Kitty & Mattie Cooney (A)
Sun 28 th Jan	10:00 11:30	Eddie Cahill (A) Eddie Gavin (A); Mary Quinlivan (A)