

<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick</b></p> <p><b>First Sunday of Lent</b></p>		<p><b>Parish Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE TAKE ONE</b></p>
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### Lent Springing Up

Anne Thurston - Small Wonders

The word Lent comes from the Old English word meaning Spring. In this hemisphere, the cycles of ritual memory and of nature meet. As we enter the forty days of desert, nature is insisting vehemently on life's return. As we learn, through liturgical patterns, that unless a seed falls to the ground and dies it cannot live, nature illustrates the process.

Lenten days, Spring days, are full of promise. The Earth renews itself and the prayer of the psalmist is echoed:

*Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And put a new and right spirit within me [Psalm 51:10]*

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Best Wishes to the boys and girls of our parish schools who will receive Confirmation from Bishop Leahy on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023: Girls at 10:00 am and Boys at 11:30 am.

### Lent at Glenstal Abbey 2023

Starting on this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 4:30 pm and continuing for six Sundays to 2<sup>nd</sup> April, the monastic community at Glenstal Abbey will present a series of talks under the heading: Training for Living Well. Talks will be presented in the Monastery Library and finish before Vespers in the Abbey Church. They will also be streamed live. See [glenstal.com/lent-at-the-abbey-2023/](http://glenstal.com/lent-at-the-abbey-2023/) for details.

### Lenten Appeal by Trócaire

This year, Trócaire marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation in 1973 as the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Over that time, they have worked in many countries, with perseverance and courage, supporting human rights and providing emergency relief.

Trócaire Envelopes with collection boxes are available in the Church. The Lenten Appeal through parishes is a significant part of their annual fundraising. This year, they also ask us to pray that the next 50 years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world.

### Blood Donation Clinic

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Donation Clinic at the Greenhills Hotel, Caherdavin, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 4:15 pm to 7:30 pm. If you are in a position to give blood, you might pick up a flyer at the Church this weekend and call 1800 222111 to make an appointment.

### Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage is planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and an online application process has been opened for young people who may wish to travel. See our website: [ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie) for details.

### Lenten Talks by Fr. Joe Hayes

Change of Evening from Wednesday to Tuesday

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 **Tuesdays, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**, from Tuesday next 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

### Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, Br. James will lead a Way of the Cross after the 10:00 am Mass. This will be streamed live.

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

### First Friday Adoration

For Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we must ensure there are people in the Church during the hour from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Volunteers might offer 15 minutes each. Please give names and times to Margaret.

### Ministers of the Eucharist

In the 30 years since the introduction of this ministry, many of our parishioners have served as Ministers of the Eucharist at the daily and weekend Masses. If you are currently on a break from the roster and would like to be of service once again, please let us know. The more volunteers we have, the better we can share out the duty slots on the calendar.

### World Day of Prayer

A service for the World Day of Prayer will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7:30 pm.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly collection for the local conference will be taken up after each Mass next weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	18:00	Peggy Flanagan; Brendan Murphy
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	
	11:30	Jacqueline Cleary (A); Aidan Larkin (A) Gerard Neville (MM)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Mary Toomey (A); Lena McNamara (Rec Dec)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10:00	
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10:00	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10:00	Mick Hurley (A); Ettie Dolan; Patricia Hourigan (MM)
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	18:00	Kitty & Mattie Cooney (A); John Walsh (1 <sup>st</sup> A)
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	
	11:30	Marie Dillon (A); John & Elizabeth Leahy (A)