

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Limerick**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Parish Newsletter
5th November 2023**

PLEASE TAKE ONE

The Pope's Intention for November

Each month, the Pope asks the faithful to pray with him for a special intention. This month, he has asked for prayers for himself, that the Lord may bless him in his work.

For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel
Matthew 23: 1-12**

1. The condemnation of the Scribes and Pharisees by Jesus brings to mind the public discourse about the Church in recent years. This has highlighted the failures of Church people to live up to the values of the Gospel. This has had a negative effect on many people and on their religious practice. How do you find hope in the midst of this negative criticism?

2. When our actions match our words about Gospel values, then our words carry more weight. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.

3. Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus, the way to greatness and a full life is through service to others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?

John Byrne OSA

Purgatorial Society

During November, we remember in a special way those who have gone before us. We honour and we pray to the Saints in Heaven. We honour the memory of our deceased loved ones and we pray that they too may have Eternal Rest.

Purgatorial Envelopes with Lists for the Dead, who will be remembered at all Masses during November, have been distributed and many have been returned. If you didn't get one, you can still pick up an envelope in the Church.

Advent Retreats in December

We have been advised by the Diocese of Limerick of two Advent Retreats, which are to take place on Saturday 2nd December, one at the Diocesan Centre in Corbally and the other at Glenstal Abbey. Further details next week.

Parish and Community Notes

St. Vincent de Paul Society: The monthly collection for the local conference will be taken up after each Mass this weekend, Sat 4th & Sun 5th Nov. 2023.

Remembrance Service: The annual remembrance service for the Maternity Hospital takes place this Sunday 5th November at 3:00 pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Hospitality on Wednesdays: Don't forget to come along for tea / coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesday 8th Nov and every Wednesday.

A Retreat with Fr. Joe Hayes: Organised by the Knights of Saint Columbanus and with the theme: FINDING GOD IN OUR SECULAR AND PLURALISTIC WORLD', this one-day retreat will take place on Saturday, 11th November in the Parish Centre from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Donation €20. For enquiries call 087 4284 546.

Family Mass next Sunday: The Family Mass has returned and will continue on the second Sunday of each month. The next Family Mass is on 12th November at 11:30 am. Those who have agreed to lead prayers are asked to come along early to check-in for your role. Don't forget the get-together afterwards with tea / coffee in the Parish Centre.

Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th Nov in the Parish Centre.

Mass Intentions

Sat 4 th Nov	18:00	Joe Hanrahan (MM); Martin O'Brien (A)
Sun 5 th Nov	10:00	John & Bridget Ryan (A)
	11:30	Irene & Eddie O'Neill (A); Pat Toomey (A); Esther, Joe & Fr. Jim O'Connor(A)
Mon 6 th Nov	10:00	Mary & Michael Hctor (A)
Tue 7 th Nov	10:00	Lena McNamara (Rec Dec);
Wed 8 th Nov	10:00	
Thur 9 th Nov	10:00	Michael & Patricia Carroll
Fri 10 th Nov	10:00	Michael Gallagher (RIP)
Sat 11 th Nov	18:00	Vera Dynan, Kevin & Deceased members of the Smith & Dynan families
Sun 12 th Nov	10:00	Roger Hickey (A) Mossy O'Grady (A)
	11:30	Brian Leonard (Rec Dec); Helen Keane (Guerin) (A); Chris Conroy (A); Maureen & Daniel Looney (A); Kevin Mahony

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

Priests:

Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. tel - 061 324825
Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel - 087 2997733

Adoration: First Friday 10:30 to 11:30 except when there is a funeral

Parish Website:

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

Parish Clerk:

Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy
tel - 061 325 288

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 09:00 to 09:45 & Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30

Church Open for Private Prayer:

Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00