

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish**

**1964-2024**



**Parish Newsletter**  
**22/25/29 December 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT;**  
**THE NATIVITY;**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY**

***Nollaig Naofa, Beannachtaí Íosa, Nollaig chroíúil, athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh***

***Canon Des, Fr. Tom, Margaret & the Parish Council***



**THE CRIB:** In 1223 when most ordinary people could not read, St. Francis decided he would demonstrate the Christmas story in a way everyone could understand. He set up a stable scene in a cave not far from his home in Assisi, with real people and animals. As people gathered around to see what he was doing, he told them how Jesus had been born in a simple stable and how angels had appeared to shepherds telling them to go and find for themselves the Messiah who had been born. Now 800 years on from the first Christmas crib scene in history the tradition is passed on in homes and communities across the world bringing with it a message of hope and peace which never fades away.

#### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

Happy Christmas to all our parishioners. As priests in the parish a sincere gratitude to you for your continued interest and support. You are partners with us in our pastoral work and care. The year passing saw a significant milestone as the parish recalled its proud foundation in 1964.

The coming year celebrates the actual physical erection of our beautiful and unique church, a story that began in November 1950, all of seventy-five years ago.

As Catholics our buildings have deep significance. They are not merely functional structures that house the people of God. Our Church buildings are consecrated for a sacred purpose and are themselves sacramental, reminding us of the presence of God in our midst and housing the Eucharistic presence of Jesus himself.

As we anticipate 2025, the difficult truth for us as pastors and people who care about our church is that understanding is not always shared or realised. Let us make 'Our Church', our building, our faith, where we as priests and people lay a foundation and prepare a welcoming and warm home.

**Desmond McAuliffe P.P.**

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE: Vigil Masses: 4 pm & 6 pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: 10am; 11.30am**

**EACH WEEKDAY: Mass at 10am**

**CHRISTMAS DUES:** The Christmas dues envelopes for the Parish Clergy and the Sacristan have been distributed to houses during the week. If you are contributing by cheque, please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'. A big thank you to all those who volunteer with the distribution of the envelopes

#### **.MASS INTENTIONS - WEEKDAY MASS EACH DAY AT 10AM**

<b>Sat 21st</b>	18:00	Josie & Seamus Morris (A) Tom (Brian) Curtin (Remembrance)
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	10:00 11:30	Michael O'Farrell (A) Mary O'Rourke (A) Leo Murphy (A) John Clifford (Remembrance) Jim & Rose Hurley (Remembrance) Deceased members of the Hogan Family
<b>Tues 24th</b>	16:00 18:00	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE - Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Wed 25th</b>	10:00 11:30	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
<b>Fri 27th</b>	10:00	John & Julia Hayes (A)
<b>Sat 28th</b>	18:00	Ita Duffy (A)
<b>Sun 29th</b>	10:00 11:30	John & Christine Guirey (A) Peter Guirey (Rec. Dec.) Lily O'Brien (A) Pat O'Brien (A) Deceased members of the McMahon Family Albert Foley (A) Eamon Beston (A) Paddy Madden (1 <sup>st</sup> A)
<b>Wed Jan 1</b>	10:00	<b>World day of Peace</b>
<b>Sat Jan 4</b>	18:00	Conor O'Sullivan (M.M.) Humphrey Murphy (A) James & Patricia Irwin (A)
<b>Sun Jan 5</b>	10:00 11:30	Anne Bowes (A) Anne Windrim (M.M.) Marie Heenan (A)

#### **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:**

Canon Des McAuliffe P.P. tel: 061 324825

Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel: 087 2997733

**Adoration:** First Friday after 10:00

Mass. During Lent: 9:15, every Friday.

#### **Parish Website:**

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie)

#### **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