

**Our Lady of the Rosary  
Parish Limerick**

**Second Sunday of  
Christmas**



**Parish Newsletter**

**05 January 2025**

**PLEASE TAKE & READ**

**Athbhliain faoi Shéan is faoi Mhaise Daoibh**

On behalf of our priests, Canon Des and Fr. Tom, our Sacristan, Margaret, and the Parish Pastoral Council: May you have a Wonderful New Year, yourselves and your families; May the Lord Bless you and Keep you Safe in 2025.

As we think of new beginnings at the start of the new year, let us ponder this weekend's reading from the Gospel of John which opens with the familiar words: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

**Parish Envelopes for 2025**

Boxes of Envelopes for 2025, for those parishioners who contribute to the Weekly Collection in this manner, are now ready for collection in the Church. Please find yours on the top seat, where they are arranged by envelope number.

Parishioners who are not already in the Envelope System, might like to consider it as the tax advantage to the Parish is very significant. To join, simply give your name and contact details to Margaret in the Sacristy.

**Christmas Dues & Clerk's Collection**

We wish to thank all who have returned the Offering Envelopes to the Church over Christmas and others who will drop them in as soon as possible. Please note that cheques should be made payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish', for the Priests, and to 'Margaret Clifford' for the Sacristan.

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

On Monday 06 January, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the visit of the Magi - three Wise Men or three Kings - to the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem.

We understand that Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were astrologers looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah, as prophesied in the Book of Micah. They acknowledged the Birth of Our Lord when they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

There will be no Vigil Mass as it falls on Sunday. We will have the usual morning Masses at 10:00 am and 11:30 am on Monday.

**Church News**

If you have ideas for material we might include in the Weekly Newsletter or if you wish to advertise parish events, please leave a note in the Sacristy. Mark it for the Editors; please include your name and contact details.

The monthly collection for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be taken up after each Mass this weekend.

**The Family Mass**, on the second Sunday of each month, is due to take place next Sunday 12 Jan. at 11:30 am.

The next meeting of the **Parish Council** will be held on Tuesday 14 January in the Parish Centre.

The next **Preparation for First Holy Communion**, will be on Sunday 19 Jan. at 10:00 am Mass.

We intend to resume **Hospitality** after 10:00 am Mass / Prayer Service from Wed. 22 January.

**Special Collections at Mass**

Having suspended the second basket collection, we now contribute to some additional funds from the Offertory collection. Those who use the envelope system have special envelopes for their contributions.

Those who put cash in the basket may appreciate this advance notice so as to remember **Diocesan Needs** on 18 / 19 January and **Social Services** on 25 / 26 Jan. 2025.

**Conference on Biodiversity**

Seeds of Hope – Returning Biodiversity to Our Parishes - is a 'Laudato Si' conference for the Dioceses of Kerry, Killaloe, Limerick, Cashel & Emlly. It will take place on Sat. 25 January 2025 at Springfort Hall, Mallow, Co. Cork. Please contact maria.murphy@trocaire.org for further details and registration.

**Mass Intentions**

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|-------------|-------|--|
| Sat 04 Jan  | 18:00 | Humphrey Murphy (A)<br>James & Patricia Irwin<br>Conor O'Sullivan (MM)<br>Vincent Collins (A)<br>Rose Collins (MM) |
| Sun 05 Jan  | 10:00 | Anne Bowes (A)   |
|             | 11:30 | Anne Windrim (MM)<br>Marie Heenan (A)  |
| Mon 06 Jan  | 10:00 | Pro Popolo   |
| Tue 07 Jan  | 10:00 |  |
| Wed 08 Jan  | 10:00 |  |
| Thur 09 Jan | 10:00 | Bridie & Jim Cuffe (A)   |
| Fri 10 Jan  | 10:00 | Lena McNamara (A)  |
| Sat 11 Jan  | 18:00 |  |
| Sun 12 Jan  | 10:00 | Paddy Quilligan (A)  |
|             | 11:30 | Michael Ryan (A)<br>Liam O'Shanahan (A)<br>Anne O'Gorman (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:**

Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. tel - 061 324825

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

**Adoration:** First Friday 10:30 to 11:30;  
Oct to May; except for funeral days

**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 09:45  
& Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30

**Church Open for Private Prayer:**

Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00