# **ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Sunday's Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Paddy Chawke (fourth anniversary)
	11.30am	Kay Joyce (twelfth anniversary); Dermot Healy (month's mind); Michael O'Shea (anniversary); Mary Shine (fourth anniversary), and David and Moira Shine; Peg Curtin, and Gladys and Paddy Buckley
	5.30pm	<b>First Holy Communion programme</b> ( <i>Do this in memory</i> ) Billy and Margaret Hoare (thirty-fifth and second anniversaries)
Sun. Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	
	11.30am	Catherine McNamara (month's mind); John, Bridget and Michael Noonan
	5.30pm	Kevin O'Donohue (month's mind)

# Last Sunday's Collection

Thank you for your offerings last Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Offertory collection €1085.16 and Diocesan needs €526.13.

## **Recently Deceased**

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Gretta Casey, Vizes terrace, Little St Joseph's street. We extend our sympathy to her family, relatives and friends.

This Week's Saints		
25 <sup>th</sup> (Monday):	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle	
26 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday):	Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops	
27 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday):	St Angela Merici, virgin	
28 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday):	St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church	
30 <sup>th</sup> (Friday):	St Aidan, bishop	

# Milford Hospice "Fun Run"

Milford Hospice 10k run/jog/walk will take place on Sunday next January 31<sup>st</sup> at the University of Limerick with a starting time of 12 noon. The 10km is open to runners and walkers of all levels and abilities with all the proceeds going directly to Milford hospice. All queries to (061)485859/485860

# Some Tweets from Pope Francis

Jan 15: Every Christian community should be an oasis of charity and warmth in the midst of a desert of solitude and indifference.

Jan 12: When we entrust ourselves to the Lord, we can overcome all obstacles that we encounter on the way.

# **Diocesan Synod**

Our parish delegates to the Limerick Diocesan Synod 2016 are •Mr Martin Murray, Ballinacurra; •Sr Margaret Greene, O'Connell Avenue; •Ms Joanne Hannon, St Joseph's Street and •Mrs Josephine Sweeney, South Circular Road. You can contact them by e-mail at: *stjosephsparishsynod@gmail.com* 

Parish Triduum

Our Parish Triduum in preparation for the Synod will take place from 17<sup>th</sup> March (Saint Patrick's day) to 19<sup>th</sup> March (Saint Joseph's day). Preacher: Fr Frank Downes O.P.

**Synod Timeline—Your Voice** (Message from Pastoral Development Team):

We are into the final months of

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preparations for the Synod in April. We have named the six themes we will be discussing (•Community and Sense of Belonging, •Faith Formation, •Pastoral Care of the Family, •New Models of Leadership, •Liturgy and Life, and •Young People) and now delegates have to create specific proposals under each theme.

To assist the delegates in creating proposals for action we are currently issuing a call for a submission of ideas for action to the general public. Parish Pastoral Councils have been asked to create space at a meeting to hear from members their ideas of what actions could be taken to address the issues that have been named through the Listening Process last spring. If you personally have specific ideas to propose too, we would like to hear them. Any such ideas can be forwarded to Karen at karen@ldo.ie or shared with local delegates. Hopefully these ideas will 'spark' the delegates, who are charged with developing formal proposals, with some ideas that might not otherwise have occurred to them

#### Check out the Synod website at www.synod2016.com and facebook page Synod 2016

## **Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools Week is an all-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. It is a celebration of Catholic schools throughout Ireland, North and South which acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. Catholic Schools Week 2016 will take place from Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February on the theme "*Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy*". It is hoped that this theme will help contextualise the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016.