



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 31st December 2023

Week of Christmas Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Dec. 31 st	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
	12.30pm	Cyril & Jackie Frawley (died recently)
	5.30pm	Phil O'Shea (1 st anniversary)
Mon. Jan. 1 st	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Tue. Jan. 2 nd	10.30am	William Brennan
Wed. Jan. 3 rd	10.30am	Kathleen & Willie Ferguson
Thur. Jan. 4 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Jan. 5 th	10.30am	pro populo
Sat. Jan. 6 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sun. Jan. 7 th	10.30am	Michael Galvin (anniversary); Denis Broderick (1 st anniversary)
	12.30pm	Liam Maher (21 st anniversary); Mary & Michael Meskill; Gladys Frawley (anniversary); Andrew Hickey 17 th anniversary; Cecila Gleeson (3 rd anniversary); Anne McNamara & all deceased members of the McNamara family & also remembering her brother Ben & sister Angela Keogh (both living)
	5.30pm	Bill & Mary Murphy (anniversaries)

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community ► baby **Robert John Daly**, son of Róisín and Eugene, ► baby **Charlie John Curtin** son of Lisa and Breen and baby ► **Maitiú Peter Hodnett**, son of Úna and Peter. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families and pray for the repose of the souls of **Maeve Walsh (née Walsh)**, Southville Gardens, Ballinacurra whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here on last Wednesday, 27th December and **Daniel (Niall) Kelly**, Cois Luachra, Dooradoyle and formerly of Meelick, Co. Clare whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here on last Thursday, 28th December. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

THE POPES INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

FROM THE DIOCESAN FACEBOOK PAGE: *Prayer changes everything.*

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear God,

We thank you for the gift of a new year. We pray that you will guide us and bless us throughout this year. We ask that you help us to grow in faith, hope, and love. May we be a light to others and share your love with those around us. We pray for peace in our homes, our communities, and our world. May we be instruments of your peace and work towards justice and reconciliation. We pray for those who are suffering, that they may find comfort and healing. We pray for those who are lost, that they may find their way. Keep our family in your care today, tonight and always.

Amen.

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SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

► What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant encounters on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?

► Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. As you look back on the year ending today, in what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.

► Perhaps the past year may also have been one in which you have experienced great sorrow. What sword has pierced your soul and what has helped you to cope with it?

► The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

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EXTRACT FROM URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Merry Christmas!

The eyes and the hearts of Christians throughout the world turn to Bethlehem; in these days, it is a place of sorrow and silence, yet it was there that the long-awaited message was first proclaimed: *"To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord"* (Lk 2:11). Those words spoken by the angel in the heavens above Bethlehem are also spoken to us. We are full of hope and trust as we realise that the Lord has been born for us; that the eternal Word of the Father, the infinite God, has made his home among us. He became flesh; he came *"to dwell among us"* (Jn 1:14).

This is the good news that changed the course of history!

Full text on the Vatican website, the complete link is:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/20231225-urbi-et-orbi-natale.html>



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