



**St. Joseph's Church**  
**O'Connell Avenue, Limerick**  
**Church Notices 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Second Week of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

| Day                         | Time    | Name  |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| Sun. Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Nancy & Tommy Gaynor (Xmas remembrance);<br>Joseph, Kathleen & Gerry Ryan;<br>Anne & Charlie Hanrahan (b'day & Xmas remembrance);<br>Joe Hayes (recently deceased)  |
|                             | 12.30pm | John Byrne (8 <sup>th</sup> av.) & Anne Byrne (17 <sup>th</sup> av.); John & Breda English,<br>& Mickey English; Michael Doherty (4 <sup>th</sup> av.) & his daughter Maura<br>Fitzpatrick (5 <sup>th</sup> av.); Fonsie & Myra McGrath (2 <sup>nd</sup> av.); Deceased<br>members of the Pratt, Mackin, Cole, Leamy, O'Neill & McNamara<br>families; Breda Moloney, Paul Moloney & deceased members of the<br>Moloney family, Eamonn, Teresa & Edward Hamilton, & deceased<br>members of the Hamilton family, Fonsie & Mary B Hoare, &<br>deceased members of the Hoare family, Tess & Mick Keyes, Mary<br>Mullane & deceased members of the Mullane family, Teresa & Bill<br>Anderson; Pauline & Gerry Smyth (anniversaries at this time) |
|                             | 5.30pm  | Trudy Kiely (2 <sup>nd</sup> av.)   |
| Mon. Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Cahill family (Christmas remembrance)   |
| Tue. Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Margaret Scanlon;<br>George McGill;<br>James Byrne (55 <sup>th</sup> anniversary);<br>Nora Noonan (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)   |
| Wed. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | pro populo;<br>William Browne   |
| Thur. Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10.30am | Intentions of clergy  |
| Fri. Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 10.30am | Intentions of clergy  |
| Sat. Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 10.30am | Michael & Emma Woodland (Christmas remembrance);<br>Margaret Hoare (10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary);<br>Gemma Glynn (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)   |
| Sun. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Kathleen Ryan (av.); Ann Stephenson (av.), Mary Williams (av.)<br>& Marie Costelloe; Patricia, Sean & Gemma Deegan; Derry<br>Healy (av.) & Roger, Frances & Noel Healy, & Frances Hanley  |
|                             | 12.30pm | Kathleen Ryan (av.);<br>The Griffin & Fitzgerald family (Xmas rmbnce.); John & Esther<br>Galvin, & Con Galvin; Robert Mulrooney (7 <sup>th</sup> av.)   |
|                             | 5.30pm  | No 5.30pm Sunday Mass   |
| Christmas Eve               | 7.00pm  | Christmas Vigil   |

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

We extend our sympathy to his family and pray for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Mullins**, Kennedy Park and Caherass Nursing Home. (Late of Irish Wire and Shannon Arms Hotel.) whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> December). May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

- ▶ **Specially prepared Christmas cards** featuring internal and external views of our church are available at €5 per pack of 6 assorted cards.
  - ▶ **Christmas Mass Bouquet cards** are available at €5 per card.
- These are available at the sacristy during office hours (10am to 1pm) and after the Sunday Masses.

**CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS HERE AT ST JOSEPH'S**

As you can see, the decorating of our church for Christmas is well underway, but everything comes at a cost! We would be delighted and appreciative to receive sponsorship for part of our Christmas decorations or a donation towards these expenses; please contact Fr Liam or Úna. **Oh! I almost forgot the Poinsettias. Please leave your Poinsettia pot/s in front of the crib.** Our Christmas Mass schedule is Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 7pm and Christmas Day Masses at 10.30am and 12.30pm.

**GROW (YOUR MENTAL HEALTH)**

Grow is a community of people drawn together by their first-hand experiences of mental health problems. Having found practical ways of helping each other recover from mental health challenges, Grow has developed their proven *Twelve Step Programme* of connection, hope, identity and so empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. In Limerick, Grow is based in 33 Henry Street, and Croom. Several meetings are held each week, with a new meeting on Mondays from 11am to 1pm.

**Contact Michael at 086-6063182 or Celia at 086 1526966 and/or visit [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)**

**POPE FRANCIS ON X (FORMERLY TWITTER)**

**Dec 15:** Jesus entered into our human history in order to tell us that the Most High cares for us, and to remind us that being on God's side involves caring for someone, especially for those who are in greatest need.

**Dec 11:** Love makes us happy not only in heaven but also here on earth. If we want to be truly happy, then let us learn to transform everything into love, offering to others our work and our time, speaking kindly words and doing good deeds. We can all do it!

**Dec 10:** We are heading toward Christmas: Are we able to take concrete steps of peace? Let every effort be made to address and remove the causes of conflict, to protect civilians, hospitals, places of worship, to free hostages and guarantee human rights.



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