



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 18th June 2023

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. June 18 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
	12.30pm	Intention of Clergy
	5.30pm	Intention of Clergy
Mon. June 19 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Tue. June 20 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Wed. June 21 st	10.30am	pro populo
Thur. June 22 nd	10.30am	Maureen & Eddie O'Riordan
Fri. June 23 rd	10.30am	Eileen Harrington (23 rd av.)
Sat. June 24 th	10.30am	Cara Graham (22 nd av.)
Sun. June 25 th	10.30am	William Fannon (43 rd av.) & his wife Catherine; Barbara Kelly (2 nd av.)
	12.30pm	Mary Sciascia (20 th av.); Máire & Seán de Bhulbh (av's.)
	5.30pm	Intention of Clergy

ALL IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE 2023

The rally will assemble at 1pm on Saturday 1st July at the Garden of Remembrance on Parnell Square in Dublin city centre. The Rally is a family-friendly day for the national pro-life movement to be re-energised and strengthened by coming together.

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Join us for the biggest and most EXCITING pro-life event of the year — the All-Ireland RALLY FOR LIFE — as pro-life people from across the country join together to Stand for Life.

We're marching to celebrate Life, to demand a better answer than abortion for mothers and babies, and to be a voice for the almost 7,000 babies whose lives are ended each year.

The overturning of Roe v Wade in the U.S. has shown pro-lifers everywhere the value of staying the course, of keeping the light lit for the pro-life message.

The Rally theme for 2023 is to remind the government *that Protecting Children is Protecting the Future*, and that we need to offer women REAL choices, not abortion.

And we also *Stand for Life* — for the families of babies with disabilities who are being pressured to abort their beautiful children. For the pro-life doctors and nurses fighting for conscience rights. To continue our campaign for that the 3 day period of reflection before abortion, which could save almost 900 babies each year, is retained.

FATHER'S DAY

Father's day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June in most countries. In countries like Spain, Italy, Belgium, Andorra, Portugal, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Angola, Bolivia and Croatia, however, Father's day is usually celebrated on March 19th, following a Catholic celebration on the solemnity of St. Joseph since the Middle Ages.

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN XXIII TO ST. JOSEPH FOR FATHERS

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfilment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, and their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labour and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labour alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

[Extracted from: <https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/happy-fathers-day-prayer-for-fathers/>]

INTERCOM MAGAZINE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A letter writer asks: What's good about retirement? For what it's worth here's my reply.

R is for Rest from the treadmill of a work career.

E is for Engagement with issues, people, the world!

T is for Time to live your life.

I is for Interests – cultivate new ones, rediscover old ones.

R is for Routine – establishing one eases the transition.

E is for Education – which is for life.

M is for Meander where you will, at your pace.

E is for Enjoyment. Find it in fleeting moments, the smallest things.

N is for Novelty. Seek it, take risks!

T is for Travel. There's a big beautiful world out there.

Stolen Moments, John Quinn (Veritas)

[<https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/30126/intercom-thought-for-the-day/>]

A TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS

17/06/2023: Jesus encountered wounded humanity, he caressed suffering faces, healed broken hearts, freed us from the chains imprisoning the soul. In this way, he reveals to us that the type of worship most pleasing to God is to care for our neighbour.



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