



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 30th July 2023

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. July 30 th	10.30am	Aaron Kelly (5 th av.); Maura Lynch (av.); George Fleming (13 th av.)
	12.30pm	Intention of Clergy
	5.30pm	Intention of Clergy
Mon. July 31 st	10.30am	Deceased members of the Nolan & Smith families
Tue. Aug. 1 st	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Wed. Aug. 2 nd	10.30am	pro populo
Thur. Aug. 3 rd	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Fri. Aug. 4 th	10.30am	Joe Taylor whose 2 nd anniversary occurs today
Sat. Aug. 5 th	10.30am	Nellie Paige (anniversary)
Sun. Aug. 6 th	10.30am	Marian Roche née Price (month's mind); Valerie Mullins-Carey (month's mind)
	12.30pm	Vera Cummins (1 st anniversary) Roger Healy (av.), & Frances, Noel & Dermot Healy; Gerry Ryan (birthday remembrance); Cecelia Reid (5 th anniversary)
	5.30pm	Robert Smalle (1 st anniversary)

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **Evelyn Wong**, daughter of Jingwen (Jessica) & Jacky. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

LIGHT THE FIRE

On Sunday August 6th Archbishop Eamon Martin Primate of All Ireland will relight the fire on **the hill of Slane** that was lit by St. Patrick many years ago. He will be joined by Sr. Briega McKenna, Dana and Fr. Pablo. There will be Holy Mass, rosary and a Eucharistic healing service on the day. This is a unique and monumental event. It is an opportunity for each of us to shine our light and witness to our faith in a joyful and spiritually uplifting celebration. If you would like details of a bus from your area please contact

hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com

ADVICE FOR PILGRIMS: ► Bring a fold-up stool

MARY'S MEALS ANNUAL WALK

The 11th Annual *Step by Step to Feed the Next Child Walk* will leave seven locations around Ireland on **August 7th** and converge on Knock Shrine on **August 15th**. Locally walks will pass through Limerick, Clare, and Tipperary before proceeding to Knock. If you would like to help in any way (e.g. accommodation, driving, general help etc.) please **contact Fr Eamonn Kelly at 087 9077 985** or check out www.marysmeals.ie/get-involved/step-by-step.

[Mary's Meals works in 18 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean, where nutritious school meals are served to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Currently almost 2.5 million children are fed every school day]

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

- Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
- The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
- In life we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven, knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

John Byrne OSA | <https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/21012/intercom-lens-of-the-gospel/>

TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST

Dioceses Unite to Pray for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. Join us to pray for Vocations in the Apparition Chapel, Knock at 1.30 pm on Thursday 17th August, (the Feast of Our Lady of Knock). Representatives from all dioceses across Ireland will gather at the Apparition Chapel in Knock, to pray for Vocations and to assemble a specially commissioned Cross for Vocations.

National Vocations Office, Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference | vocations.ie | info@vocations.ie

POPE FRANCIS TWEETED

- Let us never abandon the elderly. Their presence in our families and communities is precious, for they remind us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving our roots. #GrandparentsAndElderly #laityfamilylife
- In the #GospelOfTheDay, the Lord gently invites us to accept the mystery of life with serenity and patience, to leave judgment to Him, and not to live regretful and remorseful lives. It is as if Jesus wanted to say to us: "In the end, the good will be greater than evil".



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