



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 17th September 2023

Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time **Mass Times and Intentions**

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Sept. 17 th	10.30am	Phyllis McDonagh (13 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Noel Meskell (month's mind); Thomas Geary & Emmie Geary (anniversaries)
	5.30pm	Bridget & Michael Doran (anniversaries)
Mon. Sept. 18 th	10.30am	Deceased members of the Walsh & Ahern families
Tue. Sept. 19 th	10.30am	Phyllis O'Sullivan, late of Ashbourne ave. (7 th av.)
Wed. Sept. 20 th	10.30am	pro populo
Thur. Sept. 21 st	10.30am	Flor O'Mahony (4 th anniversary)
Fri. Sept. 22 nd	10.30am	Deceased members of the Kavanagh & Peacock families
Sat. Sept. 23 rd	10.30am	Terry O'Shaughnessy (8 th anniversary)
Sun. Sept. 24 th	10.30am	Brid Mullins—née Kelleher (1 st anniversary)
	12.30pm	Maeve Scott (5 th av.) & Dermot Scott (19 th av.); Eric Neville (25 th anniversary)
	5.30pm	Dermot & Breege Hurley, Henry Hurley, infant Darina Joyce & infant John Hurley

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **Tony Michael Noel Dolan**, son of Clara and Neil. 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 ► **Theresa Carey (nee Guerin)** Ballinacurra Gardens & late of Thorpes Nursing Home, Clarina whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Friday, 15th September and ► **Brendan Newman**, Greenfields, Rosbrien & formerly of Beechwood Drive, Ennis Road, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here yesterday, Saturday, 16th September. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

DOMINICAN CHURCH

Register now for Autumn: Children's Catechesis (age 3-12), Frassatti Youth Group (secondary school young men & women), Young Adult Theology Group, Adult Bible Study, Lectio Divina, Dominican Laity, Online Catechism Group.

Contact limerick@op-tn.org or 085 2255796 for more details or to register.

See posters on display at back of church.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

► Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the value of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?

► Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?

► Pope Francis chose as his motto 'miserando atque eligendo' (*seen with compassion and chosen*) to express his belief that Jesus viewed his past mistakes with compassion, and called him, nonetheless. At this moment can you see Jesus calling you, no matter what your past has been like?

► Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

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

FREEDOM OF RELIGION CENTRAL TO VISIT OF POPE FRANCIS' TO MONGOLIA

While Buddhism and Shamanism are the main religions followed in Mongolia, Pope Francis' visit to the country was an expression of pastoral support to the about 1,400 Catholics out of a population of 3.3 million people. Only 25 are priests, and just two of those are Mongolian. The Holy Father's five-day pilgrimage to Mongolia concluded with a final Mass, on Sunday 3 September, during which he sent greetings to neighbouring China, calling its citizens a "noble" people and asking Catholics in China to be "good Christians and good citizens".

The main purpose of his trip was to visit the tiny Catholic community and to inaugurate the House of Mercy, which provides health care to the neediest in the Mongolian capital as well as to the homeless, victims of domestic abuse and migrants. The House of Mercy also coordinates the work of Catholic missionary institutions and local volunteers.

"The true progress of a nation is not gauged by economic wealth, much less by investment in the illusory power of armaments, but by its ability to provide for the health, education and integral development of its people," Francis said at the house.

He also said he wanted to dispel "the myth" that the aim of Catholic institutions was to convert people to the religion "as if caring for others were a way of enticing people to 'join up'".

Oisín Walsh | <https://catholicnews.ie/freedom-of-religion-central-to-visit-of-pope-francis-to-mongolia/>

QUOTE FROM LAUDATO SI'

When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected' (#117).

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