



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 28th January 2024

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Jan. 28 th	10.30am	Michael Holmes (3 rd av.) & Eilish Cunningham (av.); Albert, Mai, Bryan & Dermot Walsh
	12.30pm	Paul Manching Tsang (1 st anniversary); Moira & Michael Keogh (anniversaries)
	5.30pm	Darren O'Donovan (anniversary)
Mon. Jan. 29 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy)
Tue. Jan. 30 th	10.30am	pro populo
Wed. Jan. 31 st	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Thur. Feb. 1 st	10.30am	Bridget, John & Michael Noonan
Fri. Feb. 2 nd	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Feb. 3 rd	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sun. Feb. 4 th	10.30am	Phil Skehan (7 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Intentions of clergy
	5.30pm	O'Driscoll & O'Brien (anniversaries)

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **Georgie Henri-Mai O'Dwyer**, daughter of Hazel and Ed and baby **Aylah Teresa Power**, daughter of Nicola and Jason. 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 **Noel (William) Quirke**, Log na gCapall, South Circular Road, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here on Thursday January 25th and **Evelyn Dickinson (née Quin)** Verona Terrace, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here tomorrow, Monday January 29th at 11.30am. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Lent is just around the corner.

Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February — a fortnight from next Wednesday.

CATECHETICAL TALKS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

A seven week series of Catechetical Talks for Adults and Youth will be presented in the St. John Paul II Oratory at the Crescent Shopping Centre. The talks, which will be given by Lay Catechists, will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm and will commence on tomorrow, Monday, 29th January.

Listen to the Good News and discover the beauty of the Christian Community!

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8-week programme which helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the 'big picture' of the Bible, aided by a unique colour-coded Bible Timeline Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events in chronological order. Pauline Maher, with Mossy Hynan and Paudie Hurley will present the programme from **Tuesday 6th February to Tuesday 26th March** (7.30pm-9pm), including an engaging video presentation, followed by lively group discussion over a cup of tea/coffee. Beginners are welcome, bible knowledge is not necessary. Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's, Corbally. V94 925C. Cost: €40 including course materials. **Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnlockingBibleMystery>.**

DESERT DAY IN LENT

"Come back to me with all your heart" a silent retreat with Eucharist and reconciliation on **Saturday 17th February**, from 10.30am to 5pm in Limerick Diocesan Centre (V94 925C). Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Bernadette Murphy. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/Coffee/Snacks provided. **Donation: €20. Booking is essential, contact Phyllis at 087 9636893 or email: moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com**

*In Down, three saints one grave do fill,
 Patrick, Brigid and Columcille.*

Next Wednesday 1st February (in the Irish tradition, the first day of spring) is also the feast day of Saint Brigid, one of Ireland's three national saints along with St. Patrick and St. Columba (Columcille). She is patroness of many things, including poetry, learning, healing, protection, blacksmithing, livestock and dairy production. St. Brigid, also known as "Mary of the Gael", is accredited with first creating the unique cross which bears her name. This cross is normally hand created from rushes (however occasionally straw is also used). The **St. Brigid's Cross** (with its distinctive design, made from woven rushes) is thought to keep evil, fire and hunger from the homes in which it is displayed.

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Jan 27: May our remembrance and condemnation of the horrible extermination of millions of Jews and people of other faiths, during the last century, help us all not forget that hatred and violence can never be justified, because it denies our very humanity. #WeRemember

Jan 26: Loving is the greatest gift. We receive it when we make room for the Lord in prayer, when we welcome Him in His transforming Word and in the humility of His broken Bread. #YearOfPrayer



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