



**St. Joseph's Church**  
**O'Connell Avenue, Limerick**  
**Church Notices 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Owen McDonagh (20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
	12.30pm	George McGee (19 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Mark Browne (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary); Fr Dermot O'Brien (46 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Jim, Kay, Gerard, Joe & Myra Harold; Batt & Alice O'Brien; Special intention—Kathleen Tierney)
	5.30pm	Bernadette Timmons (16 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Brian Geary (11 <sup>th</sup> av.) & Davey O'Loughlin (3 <sup>rd</sup> av.)
Mon. Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Tue. Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	pro populo
Wed. Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Deceased members of the Hayes & McElligott families
Thur. Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Deceased members of the Walsh & Ahern families
Sat. Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Maura, Nora & Gerard Brazier (anniversaries); Deceased members of the Deegan family, & John & Maria Murphy
Sun. Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
	12.30pm	John Lyons (month's mind); Christy Lowe (28 <sup>th</sup> anniversary); Robert Richardson (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary); Angela Lee; Noel (William) Quirke (month's mind); Frank Lynch (anniversary); Maevé O'Dwyer (anniversary)
	5.30pm	Violet Quilligan, & Michael & Denis Hegarty; The Quilligan family (living)

**RECENTLY BAPTISED**

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **John Joseph Ring**, son of Janna and James, and **Aran Vaughan-Mitchell**, son of Caoilfhionn and Angus. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community

**ANNUAL MOTHERS PRAYERS WEEKEND**

The weekend which will be held in St John's Rest, Knock, Co Mayo is for mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren. (You do not have to be a physical mother.) Duration is from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February (no cover charge)

**Contact: ireland@mothersprayers.org or phone Marie 087 6184110**

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT**

**This year Ash Wednesday comes early; it falls on next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February.** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration.

The 40-day period of Lent (which excludes Sundays) represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks us to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. The Lenten season culminates with Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday and the joyous celebration of Easter.

**Extracted from:**

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-ash-wednesday-why-do-christians-celebrate-it.html>

**THE ASHES**

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of last year. The ashes are blessed with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Extracted from: <https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php>

**DESERT DAY IN LENT**

**"Come back to me with all your heart"** a silent retreat with Eucharist and reconciliation on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

**POPE FRANCIS ON X**

**Feb 10:** The #Saints shine with reflected light. Their simple, daily actions show the loving presence of God, who makes the impossible possible.

**Feb 9:** Today, in Asia and other parts of the world, millions of families are celebrating the Lunar New Year. I send them my heartfelt greetings in the hope that this feast may be an opportunity to foster loving relationships and acts of care to build a fraternal society.

**Feb 9:** The sick, the vulnerable, and the poor are at the heart of the Church. They must also be at the centre of our human concern and pastoral care. May we never forget them!



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