



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 10th March 2024

Fourth Week of Lent

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Mar. 10 th	10.30am	Michael Costelloe (44 th anniversary) & his wife Nora; John Whelan (2 nd anniversary)
	12.30pm	Shannen O'Halloran (1 st anniversary); Joe Roche (7 th anniversary); Marie McGrath (month's mind); Cora de Freitas (1 st anniversary)
	5.30pm	Denis Bugler (8 th anniversary)
Mon. Mar. 11 th	10.30am	Deceased members of the McGreggor & Dobbin families
Tue. Mar. 12 th	10.30am	pro populo
Wed. Mar. 13 th	10.30am	Special intention for Ryan
Thur. Mar. 14 th	10.30am	Deceased members of the Nolan & Smith families; Clare Hannon — née Quinn (54 th anniversary)
Fri. Mar. 15 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. Mar. 16 th	10.30am	Jack Frahill (anniversary)
Sun. Mar. 17 th	10.30am	Alice Hynes (1 st anniversary); Nora & Tommy Tamer
	12.30pm	Lily Lee (anniversary); Mark Browne (birthday remembrance)
	5.30pm	No Evening Mass (St Patrick's Day)
Saint Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year. Holy Mass will be celebrated here at 10.30am and 12.30pm only. There will NOT be a Mass at 5.30pm.		

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families and pray for the repose of the souls of **Patrick (Pat) Treacy**, Punches Cross, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here yesterday, Saturday 9th March and **Paul Costelloe**, South Circular Road whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here tomorrow Monday March 11th at 11.30am. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

NOTICE OF THANKS

Rian Morrison, (the Hope Foundation volunteer who addressed us last Sunday week, 25th February, when seeking support for his upcoming work among the poor of Kolkata /Calcutta, India) **has asked us to pass on his sincere thanks for the €1,192 contributed by this congregation.**

PARISH CENTRE: ST PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

As usual (by now one could probably say traditionally) Saint Joseph's Parish Centre will be open from 11am on St. Patrick's Day. Call in for some sustenance and nourishment to keep you going during the parade; snacks, tea, coffee and minerals will all be available. Any 'profit' will go towards the operation and maintenance of the Parish Centre.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: A BRIEF HISTORY

Mothers' Day (or Mothering Sunday here in Ireland and in the UK), is a day to show love, gratitude and appreciation to all wonderful mothers everywhere, through acts of kindness and the giving of Mothers' Day gifts and flowers. Mothering Sunday has been celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent, here in Ireland and in the UK, since the 16th century.

Like many traditions and festivities, Mothering Sunday began with a religious purpose. Held on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday, it was originally a day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary. Such celebrations required people to visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral in a family's area. The spread of Christianity throughout Europe in the 16th century increased the celebrations and put Mothering Sunday firmly on the calendar. It was believed to be essential for people to return to their home 'mother' church to make it a true family honoured occasion. The gatherings reunited families and gave children who worked as domestic servants, or as apprentices away from home (from as early as ten years old), the opportunity to have the day off to join their family and see their mother.

Throughout the year in Ireland and Great Britain people would regularly and devoutly visit their nearest chapel, their 'daughter' church, whereas on Mothering Sunday, as well as baptisms, people would visit their 'mother' church loaded with offerings of thanks. The religious day increased its scope from thanking Mother Mary to a 'mother' church celebration and finally opened up as an occasion to thank and appreciate all mothers; **thus creating Mothering Sunday.**

[Extracted and adapted from: <https://www.findmeagift.co.uk/mothers-day-gifts/history.html#:~:text=History%20of%20Mothering%20Sunday&text=The%20spread%20of%20Christianity%20throughout,a%20true%20family%20honoured%20occasion.>]

POPE FRANCIS ON ✂

Mar 9: Divine forgiveness renews us, purifies us within, and returns us to the state of baptismal rebirth. It allows the fresh waters of grace to flow again in our heart, shrivelled by sadness and covered in dust by sin. #Lent

Mar 8: #Women make the world a more beautiful place; they protect it and keep it alive. They infuse the grace of renewal, the embrace of inclusion, and the courage to make our lives a gift. Peace is born from women; it emerges and is rekindled from the tenderness of mothers.

Mar 7: When the voices and experiences of women are heard, all of society is truly enriched. Let us #PrayTogether that, through encounter and dialogue, "the genius of woman" may be allowed to flourish in today's world.

Mar 6: Pride is the 'great queen' of all the vices. Those who give in to this vice are far from God, and it takes time and great effort to correct this evil, more than any other battle to which the Christian is called. #GeneralAudience
 Diocesan Facebook: There's a lot of difference between listening and hearing



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