



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 17th March 2024

Fifth Week of Lent

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
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)
Mon. Mar. 18 th	10.30am	Deceased members of the Molloy & Coleman families; Michael Joseph Kelly (63 rd av.), James Costelloe (63 rd av.), Séamus Kelly (10 th av.) & Oona O'Brien-Kelly (33 rd av.)
Tue. Mar. 19 th	10.30am	Dermot Walsh (birthday remembrance)
Wed. Mar. 20 th	10.30am	pro populo
Thur. Mar. 21 st	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. Mar. 22 nd	10.30am	Cora O'Kelly
Sat. Mar. 23 rd	10.30am	Special intention for Dolores
Sun. Mar. 24 th	10.30am	Nancy Mulcahy (month's mind); Tommy Gaynor (26 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Teresa & Tom Moore; Lynda Gallivan (5 th av.) & Susan Gallivan (6 th av.)
	5.30pm	Intentions of clergy
There will NOT be a Mass at 5.30pm today (Saint Patrick's Day).		

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families and pray for the repose of the souls of **Ehor Trofimov** who died recently in Ukraine and **Anna Lynch (née Donnellan)**, Southville Gardens, Ballinacurra, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here yesterday, Saturday, March 16th. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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.

"COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY"; DESERT DAY IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK

A Silent Retreat with Eucharist & Reconciliation will be held on **next Saturday 23rd March** from 10.30am to 5pm in Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's, Corbally. The day is being facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Ann Mulcahy. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/Coffee with Snacks will be provided. Donation: €20. Booking is essential, contact Phyllis at 087 9636893 or email: moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com to register your place.

**SOME LINES FROM
 ST. PATRICK'S
 BREASTPLATE
 (LÚIREACH PÁDRAIG)**

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of every man
 who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone
 who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees
 me,
 Christ in every ear that hears
 me.

For the complete prayer see
<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/st-patricks-breastplate.html>

ST. PATRICK IN LIMERICK

St Patrick had a major influence on Limerick. In 434, the saint visited the city at Saingal (Singland) where after labouring on a church in Donoughmore he laid on a flat stone and slept. This stone was known locally as leaba Pádraig or Patrick's bed. During his stay, he is believed to have baptised a Dalcassian king called Cairthenn the Fair and his son. Two of the descendants of Cairthenn the Fair would be remembered in Limerick as saints. Liadhain, also known as Lelia, the great granddaughter of the prince became St Lelia and gave her name to Killeely (Cill Liadaini). The historic *Black Book of Limerick*, which dates in part from the fourteenth century, records that a church bearing her name was standing here in the 1200s though it has long since disappeared. Her feast day is celebrated on 11 August each year. St Lelia's brother is said to have been Mainchín Mac Setnai also known as St Munchin traditionally recognised as the first Bishop of Limerick. [Taken from <https://limerickslife.com/st-patricks-day-1888/>]

POPE FRANCIS ON ✕

Mar 16: At the heart of Christian life is the gift to be friends with the Lord. This friendship sets us free from the dreariness of individualism and the risk of a meaningless, loveless, and hopeless life.

Mar 14: God loved us first. He waited for us. He

keeps loving us. This is our identity and our strength: we are God's beloved

Mar 15: Some people cannot overcome the embarrassment of going to confession. Feeling ashamed means you are not happy about what you have done. This is a good sign, but never allow shame to imprison you, because God is not ashamed of you. He always loves you. #Lent

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament will be available here in St. Joseph's on next Thursday 21st March, beginning at 7pm



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