



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick

Church Notices, Sunday 30th June 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. June 30 th	10.30am	Sr Claire Stapleton (month's mind); John & Cathleen Meskell (anniversaries), & remembering Noel & Mary Meskell
	12.30pm	Charles Elliott (46 th av.) & Catherine Elliott (33 rd av.); Mary Sciascia (21 st anniversary); Michael Reddan (22 nd anniversary); Maureen McAuliffe (1 st anniversary)
	5.30pm	Intentions of clergy
Mon. July 1 st	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Tue. July 2 nd	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Wed. July 3 rd	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Thur. July 4 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Fri. July 5 th	10.30am	Elizabeth O'Hagan & birthday remembrance for Mai Walsh
Sat. July 6 th	10.30am	Tom (50 th av.) & Frances (40 th av.) Enright (late of O'Curry place)
Sun. July 7 th	10.30am	Marian Roche (1 st anniversary); Val Mullins (1 st anniversary)
	12.30pm	Intentions of clergy
	5.30pm	Intentions of clergy

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome **Quin Emelia Postlewaight**, daughter of Joanne and David into our Christian Community. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: **Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes**. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video **Through the Valley**, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life.



To read **Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes** and to watch **Through the Valley**, scan the QR code or visit the following link:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

THE RALLY FOR LIFE 2024

The All-Ireland Rally for Life will take place next Saturday, 6th July at Parnell Square, Dublin at 1.30pm. Join thousands at the biggest pro-life event of the year – the All-Ireland Rally for Life – as pro-life people from across the country join together to Stand for Life, marching to demand the government acts as the heartbreaking rise in abortions continues (10,000 abortions in 2023 alone) and joining together to demand the government looks at life-saving measures like support for women; extending the 3-day wait period; and a Heartbeat Bill. Join with people of all ages, with family and friends, to show the government and the Nation that **we must stop aborting our future** - and love both mother and child.

Former Pussycat Dolls singer, Kaya Jones, will be speaking at this year's Rally for Life.

Kaya has described in stark terms how she believes the music industry controls and abuses young women, including pressuring them into having an abortion. She also gives an important insight into how a culture which does not value human life, and sees unborn babies as disposable, leads to women having multiple abortions, and living with the sad and heartbreaking consequences. By sharing her story, Jones hopes it will inspire others to share their stories of abortion regret as well, including men who regret helping women get abortions. The Canadian born singer-songwriter believes there is a need for society to take a hard look at the messages it promotes about beauty, fame, and success, and what it tells women about abortion.

"I hope to one day be able to be a mom, I hope to be a wife and get to be able to share what I do believe is the greatest gift, and ultimately the greatest job you'll ever have on this planet as a woman, to be a mother."

Make sure you don't miss the chance to hear Kaya's testimony and save the date for this year's Rally for Life.

<https://thelifeinstitute.net/news/2024/former-pussycat-doll-singer-to-speak-at-dublin-rally-for-life>

EASTER DUES

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who returned their Easter Dues envelopes.

LET THE TAXMAN HELP

We ask that those who received a request to renew their income tax relief mandate would sign and return the forms at their earliest convenience.

[When an individual taxpayer donates in aggregate €250 or more in any one year, the approved body may claim the tax relief if authorised by the donor. In the case of St. Joseph's this includes contributions made by the weekly green and monthly yellow envelopes, the Easter, Autumn & Christmas envelopes, and contributions to *Friends of St Joseph's*. If your aggregated annual contributions meet this threshold we can supply you with a form if you want to be included.]

There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us, that it ill behoves any of us to find fault with the rest of us.

[James Truslow Adams]



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