

St. Joseph's Church O'Connell Avenue, Limerick Church Notices 24th March 2024

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name	
Sun. Mar. 24 th Passion Sunday	10.30am	Tommy Gaynor (26 th anniversary);	
		Nancy Mulcahy (month's mind)	
	12.30pm	Teresa & Tom Moore;	
		Lynda Gallivan (5 th av.) & Susan Gallivan (6 th av.);	
		Dessie McDarby (17 th anniversary)	
	5.30pm	Intentions of clergy	
Mon. Mar.25th	10.30am	John Troy (37 th anniversary)	
Tue. Mar. 26 th	10.30am	Theresa Flynn (month's mind);	
		Rose & Edward Fitzgerald (anniversary)	
Wed. Mar.27th	10.30am	Selina Curtin	
Thur. Mar.28 th	5.45pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Holy Thursday	5. topin		
Fri. Mar. 29 th	3.00pm	The Passion of the Lord Easter Vigil	
Good Friday Sat. Mar. 30 th	_		
Holy Saturday	7.30pm		
Sun. Mar. 31 st Easter Sunday	10.30am	Joseph, Kathleen & Gerry Ryan	
	12.30pm	Donal Killeen (2 nd anniversary)	
	5.30pm	No Evening Mass	

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community **Matthew Kowaleski**, son of Elisa and Tomasz. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

LIMERICK DEMENTIA SOCIAL CLUB

The Limerick Dementia Social Club opened its doors in November 2018 to people with dementia and their carers across Limerick. The club operates at **Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre**, Childer's Road on the first Wednesday of every month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and aims to provide a dementia friendly space where people socialise, enjoy refreshments, share information and enjoy activities to support people to live well with dementia. The club aspires to reduce social isolation and promote open discussion, fun activity, acceptance and new learning. Additionally, they run a fun interactive community choir in the same venue again for persons with dementia and their carers on the third and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 6.30pm to 8pm.

The club was set up by a small committee of volunteers, with a background in nursing, occupational therapy and social work who were concerned at the lack of dementia friendly social outlets for people with dementia in the community. There is no fee to attend. Please contact Margaret on 087-9189833 if you have any queries.

TROCAIRE BOXES (or their value) may be returned from Holy Thursday on.

CHRISM MASS 2024 AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

You are warmly invited to attend this year's Chrism Mass which will be celebrated in St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm. This is a wonderful Diocesan occasion when the Bishop concelebrates with all the Priests of the Diocese in the presence of many lay people who come from various parishes, congregations and orders, associations, movements and groups in the diocese. During the Mass the Bishop consecrates the sacred Chrism and blesses the other oils that will then be used throughout the year in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. During the Chrism Mass, the Priests renew their priestly promises. You are most welcome to join in this lovely occasion.

INVITATION FROM THE NUNS AT ST. SAVIOURS

We are delighted to announce that we will be taking a young adult pilgrimage to Italy this June with the Dominican Friars! Join us for the *Upward Call Pilgrimage* in the footsteps of St Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist, to Bracciano, Roccasecca, Orvieto, Naples, Rome & more! The pilgrimage, led by the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, will take place from 16^{th} to 22^{nd} June 2024 and is open to young adults aged from 18 to 35. The cost of the pilgrimage is €600 which includes ground travel, accommodation, and most meals (2-4 on your own). Please email limerick@optn.org to book your spot by 1^{st} April.

'Living bread that gives life to man, grant my soul to live on you, and always to savour your sweetness'

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Mar 23: In God, our crosses are not the end of the story; they are doors to glory. In Jesus, every cross leads to resurrection, every darkness to light, every loss to communion.

Mar 22: The Lord never points His finger; He opens His arms, as Jesus shows on the cross. He never closes the door, but invites us to enter. He never keeps His distance, but welcomes us. Let us spread His message of love that frees our hearts and fills us with joy that never fades.

Mar 22: Vast financial resources and innovative technologies that could be used to make #Water a source of life and progress for all are being used to produce weapons. Never before has it been so urgent to invest in dialogue and peace.

Mar 20: Let us ask the Lord to help us grow in the virtue of prudence so that, amid the storms and winds that buffet our lives, we may remain anchored in Christ, our cornerstone. #GeneralAudience

Mar 19: God entrusts to #SaintJoseph the mission of protecting Mary and Jesus. We see in him the centre of the Christian vocation: Christ! Let us care for Christ in our own lives, so that we can care for others!

Mar 18: Prayer transforms us. #Prayer quells anger, sustains love, multiplies joy, and instills the strength to forgive. #YearOfPrayer

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