



**St. Joseph's Church**  
**O'Connell Avenue, Limerick**  
**Church Notices, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Day	Time	Name
Sun. July 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Marian Roche (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary); Val Mullins (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)
	12.30pm	Intentions of clergy
	5.30pm	Patrick Clancy (anniversary)
Mon. July 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Tue. July 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Michael Donnellan
Wed. July 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Thur. July 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mary Donnelly (9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
Fri. July 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sat. July 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Philomena Ayers (née Scott)
Sun. July 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Michael Kelly (40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) & Margaret Malone
	12.30pm	Intentions of clergy
	5.30pm	Mary O'Regan (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of **Patrick (Paddy) Hurley**, South Circular Road, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July and **Ralph Prendergast**, Lifford Avenue, South Circular Road, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

► Personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to what another person has to say. Who do they think they are? Perhaps you have experienced this. What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?

► It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another but may be unable to because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can 'do no deed of power'. As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity, so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with others?

► Religion easily brings up prejudices. Some dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

<https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/21012/intercom-lens-of-the-gospel/> | John Byrne OSA

**DIOCESAN FACEBOOK:** The planet does not need more "successful people". The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers and lovers of all kinds. — Dalai Lama

**FREEDOM OF SPEECH, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION**

The proposed 'Hate Speech' bill is an extremely totalitarian bill designed to take away the freedoms of speech, conscience and religion from the vast majority of the public. Despite losing two recent referendums the Taoiseach, Simon Harris, and Justice Minister, Helen McEntee, have recently said that they believe the Government must continue to pursue this pro censorship bill that would give politicians the power to determine what hate is and isn't.

The Hate Speech Bill gives special attention to what it calls 'protected characteristics', which include sexual orientation and gender. In countries where similar laws have been introduced, they have been used to discourage people from speaking their mind.

It purports to combat 'hate speech', but in reality, it will be wielded as a tool of censorship, stifling dissenting voices and curtailing meaningful dialogue. The vague language surrounding "protected characteristics" and the absence of a definition of terms like 'gender' and 'hate' opens the door to abuse, with individuals being targeted for expressing legitimate viewpoints or religious beliefs.

**SOME OF THOSE MOST AT RISK?**

**People with Non-Mainstream Political Beliefs:** Differing opinions on topics like the War in Ukraine, Climate Change Policy, and international politics could lead to accusations and investigations.

**People with Traditional Beliefs:** The Bill could silence those who hold religious or moral views not aligned with "progressive" secular ideology.

**Pro-Life Advocates:** The Bill could restrict efforts to promote the sanctity of life and expose the evil consequences of abortion. Freedom of speech protects the right to advocate for your beliefs, even if they are unpopular. This Bill threatens the ability to advocate for the sanctity of life and could criminalise the dissemination of pro-life materials

What's particularly alarming is the presumption of guilt inherent in the bill. Merely possessing material deemed offensive by someone else could land you in legal jeopardy, subjecting you to invasive searches and court proceedings.

**Leaflets are available at the back of the church.**

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**The time to be happy is now.  
The place to be happy is here**

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