



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

Church Notices, Sunday 4th August 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Aug. 4 th	10.30am	Adrian Noonan (1 st anniversary) & his sister Helen (birthday & anniversary remembrance)
	12.30pm	Vera Cummins (2 nd anniversary); Gerry Ryan (birthday remembrance); Joe Taylor (3 rd anniversary) & deceased members of Taylor & Desmond families
	5.30pm	Nellie Page
Mon. Aug. 5 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Tue. Aug. 6 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Wed. Aug. 7 th	10.30am	Robert Smalle (2 nd anniversary)
Thur. Aug. 8 th	10.30am	Noreen O'Connor (1 st anniversary) & Donal O'Connor (2 nd anniversary)
Fri. Aug. 9 th	10.30am	Nora Troy & Seán Roberts (birthday remembrance)
Sat. Aug. 10 th	10.30am	Intentions of clergy
Sun. Aug. 11 th	10.30am	Francis, Mary & Marie Bernadette Fannon (anniversaries.)
	12.30pm	Maura Lynch (anniversary)
	5.30pm	Christina Duffy (16 th anniversary) & remembering Jack & Terry Higgins

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2024

For Political Leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of **Very Rev Frank Canon O'Connor**, St. John's Cathedral Parish and Lansdowne Park, Ennis Road, and **Jason McMahon**, Woodhaven, Castletroy who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

MARY'S MEALS WALK FROM LIMERICK TO KNOCK

The annual Step by Step to feed the next child Mary's Meals walk from Limerick to Knock will leave St. Joseph's parish, Limerick on Wed 7th August as the volunteers walk for 9 days to Knock. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 17 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. Please go to marysmeals.ie to learn more and support this amazing charity. Please contact Oonagh on 089 495 8858 if you would like to get involved.

SEEKING SHELTER

If you can assist in providing accommodation under the ARP scheme for a family from Ukraine please contact 085 271 2760

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Like the manna in the desert, bread in plenty for the crowds is seen as a sign of the coming of the kingdom and of the heavenly banquet in the end times. The actions of Jesus in the desert are described in the same way as his actions at the Last Supper: he takes, blesses, breaks and gives. But he gives the Bread of Life.

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Aug 2: What would happen if we prayed more and complained less? Let us ask for the grace to be able to pray for one another. #YearOfPrayer

Jul 30: Let us #PrayTogether that political leaders may be at the service of their people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs, and giving priority to the poor. #PrayerIntention #ClickToPray

Jul 28: While there are many people in the world who suffer due to disasters and hunger, we continue to produce and sell weapons and burn resources fueling wars, large and small. This is an outrage that the international community should not tolerate.

INTERCOM MAGAZINE POINTS TO PONDER

Last Sunday's gospel from John talked about Jesus miraculously feeding the 5,000. Today's gospel is closely connected to that; the people in the Galilean countryside are still following Jesus; they were fed once, and, as Jesus realizes, they've come for more. They are still hungry. They probably don't quite know themselves what they are hungry for, or what they truly need.

How often do we hear in the gospels this question about Jesus, 'Who is this?' Which reminds us a lot of the question of the Israelites, 'Man hu', what is this? People see Jesus as a teacher, a healer, someone who is different, someone who has authority, a leader, a prophet, someone with amazing powers. But they don't see that Jesus is 'it' – 'manna'.

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