



**St. Joseph's Church,
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 11th July 2021**

Sat 10th July
Sun 11th July

10.30am – Michael Donnellan (4th Av)
8.30am – Intention of Clergy
10.30am – John & Mary (Av) Bowman
10.30am – Mary Donnelly (6th Av)
10.30am – John Griffin (Av)
12.30pm – Mary Sciascia (Av)

Mon 12th July **10.30am** – Special Intention for the Gibbs & Naughton Families
10.30am – Deceased Members of the Molloy & Coleman Families

Tues 13th July **10.30am** – Josephine McDonnell (1st Av)
Wed 14th July **10.30am** – Pro-Populo
Thurs 15th July **10.30am** – Intention of Clergy
Fri 16th July **10.30am** – Intention of Clergy
Sat 17th July **10.30am** – Intention of Clergy
Sun 18th July **8.30am** – Intention of Clergy

10.30am – Joseph Ryan (Av)
10.30am – Alice, Rose & Nicola Imbusch
12.30pm – Tom O'Shea (1st Av)
12.30pm – Joseph Ryan (Av)

RECENTLY DECEASED

The death has occurred of Breda Reidy (née Egan), Castlecourt, Fitzhaven, South Circular Road, Limerick. As a parish community, we extend our deepest sympathy to her family. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

If you are feeling unwell, we would kindly ask that you follow the HSE guidelines and remain at home until you are back to good health.

We must also ask that everyone who attends St. Joseph's Church must wear a mask. Thank you.

Reflection for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus had a clear vision for the sending forth of his disciples. Scripture records Jesus giving to them the following mandate for their apostolic labours: "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking

stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic" (Mk 6:8-9). No second tunic?! Their life was to be simple, dependant on Divine Providence, radically trusting in God.

How many times have we worked to acquire a "second tunic" this year? What supplies did we scramble for, what equipment and things did we hoard, worried that we might not obtain what we needed? My experience, I suspect like yours, was that God provided in unexpected ways, and in abundance.

The mission of preaching the Gospel is an urgent mission. It requires us to abandon our attachments, our hopes, our fears. Clothing ourselves with simple trust in God, casting off the second tunic, we are best able to undertake the mission entrusted to us as followers of Jesus!

Reek Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick

The annual Reek Sunday Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick, which was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be going ahead this year albeit in a much extended format from Wednesday to Saturday, 1- 31 July. Pilgrims are asked to plan their climb well in advance, and to choose a weekday when Croagh Patrick is quieter. The Reek Pilgrimage normally takes place on the last Sunday in July, however the indulgence for the pilgrimage extends throughout the summer months up to the end of September. This is the first time in the history of the pilgrimage that such an extended pilgrimage programme is offered in order to facilitate those wishing to fulfil the obligations of the pilgrimage on the mountain.

The Rosary is recited each day here in St. Joseph's Church following the morning celebration of the Eucharist. All are welcome to join with those who are praying the Rosary.

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).

Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic.

Bishop Nulty concluded, "The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated for the first time this year as part of a special Year on the Family to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*.

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