



St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick Church Notices 18th July 2021

Sat 17th July
Sun 18th July

10.30am - Intention of Clergy
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*)

Pray for Áine O'Neill whose 1st Anniversary occurs at this time

Mon 19th July **10.30am** – Special Intention for the Gibbs & Naughton Families
Tues 20th July **10.30am** – Sharon McKiniry (*23rd Av*)
Wed 21st July **10.30am** – Pro-Populo
Thurs 22nd July **10.30am** – Intention of Clergy
Fri 23rd July **10.30am** – Intention of Clergy
Sat 24th July **10.30am** – Intention of Clergy
Sun 25th July **8.30am** – Intention of Clergy
10.30am – Intention of Clergy
12.30pm – Margaret & Patrick Stephenson (*Av's*)

RECENTLY MARRIED

As a parish community we extend our congratulations to Aidan Ryan and Mary Moore who were married in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday. May the Lord be with them as they begin their married life together.

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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Traditionally July is the month of the year dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ. However, this theme can ring a bit dissonant in our lives, since these summer days are typically given over to holidays. Calvary Hill seems a long way from summer barbecues and the beach!

Nevertheless, we hear St. Paul telling us this Sunday, "In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ" (Eph 2:13). Scattered though our lives may be, different and diverse as the members of the body are, all are made one in the blood of Christ.

Let us then love Jesus in the shedding of his blood. In the first century, Pope Clement says, "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world." Jesus' precious blood washes away our sins, and in so doing, makes it possible for us to be drawn together, to live united to God and to each other.

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.

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. **A guided walk experience** will be offered *on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July*, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518. Or you can visit www.loughderg.org

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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