***St. Joseph’s Church, O’Connell Avenue, Limerick***



***Church Notices16thJanuary 2022***

Sun 16th January ***8.30am*** – Ted McCarthy *(Av)*

***8.30am*** – Nancy Gaynor *(Birthday Remembrance)*

***10.30am*** –Joseph & George Walsh *(Av’s)*

***10.30am*** –John O’Hagan *(Av)*

***10.30am*** –Deceased Members of the Noonan, Gray & Boland families

***12.30pm*** –John Conway *(4th Av)*

***12.30pm*** –Lily O’Callaghan *(1stAv)*

***12.30pm*** –Gretta Casey *(6th Av)*

***12.30pm*** –Harry Conway *(Month’s Mind)*

Mon 17th January ***10.30am*** *–* Fr Donal Cahill *(1st Av)* & Frank Cahill *(Av)*

***10.30am*** – MaryAnn Ryan

Tues 18th January ***10.30am*** – *Pro Populo*

Wed 19th January ***10.30am*** – *Intention of Clergy*

Thurs 20th January ***10.30am*** *–* Mary McMahon *(Av)*

Fri 21st January ***10.30am –*** *Intention of Clergy*

Sat 22nd January ***10.30am*** – Annette Griffin *(3rd Av)*

***10.30am*** – Sr. Victoire Fleming *(Month’s Mind)*

Sun 23rd January***10.30am*** –Jimmy McKillican *(5th Av)*

***10.30am*** –Michael Holmes *(1st Av)*

***10.30am*** –Stephen Cleary *(1st Av)*

***12.30pm*** –Paddy Chawke *(10th Av)*

***5.30pm*** – Margaret & Bill Hoare *(Av’s)*

***5.30pm*** –Trudy Kiely *(Month’s Mind)*

**CHANGE OF MASS TIMES**

Please be advised that ***from Sunday 23rd January, the 5.30pm evening mass is being celebrated once again***. We will continue to have the 10.30am and 12.30pm mass times. There will be no 8.30am mass on the schedule after this Sunday 16th January. Thank you.

**“Ashling Murphy’s death must be a turning point” –**

 **Bishop Brendan Leahy**

**Saturday 15 January 2022:**Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy has said that it is beholding on all of us to ensure that Ashling Murphy’s death marks a turning point in violence against women.

 In his homily this morning on the feast day of St Ita, the co-patron saint of Limerick, Bishop Leahy said that we need to shout from the roof tops across all organisations and communities, from schools to sporting organisations, Church and in our families, that violence against women is unacceptable.

Addressing the congregation at Ashford Church in the parish of Killeedy, where St. Ita founded her monastery, Bishop Leahy said that he was present last October at Ashling Murphy’s graduation at Mary Immaculate College teacher training college. “It has struck me that because of my role as Chairman of the Governing Authority I would have been present at her Graduation Day last October. Always on Graduation Day, as I watch the graduates pass by while applauding their achievement, I think of them, their family and the future ahead of them.

 “I would have thought of Ashling in the same way, but little could I have thought that in a few short months, that this shining star would have been eclipsed with such darkness on Wednesday last. But even in the midst of the overwhelming sadness and shock that has gripped the nation, there is an unmistakable sense that her light is breaking through, that it is not something ‘going out’ but, instead, is leading to a turning point.

 “We owe that to her memory, to ensure her journey did not end on Wednesday but rather marked a new and better beginning for how women are treated, how they are respected and, indeed, protected.”

 Bishop Leahy said that the shock and grief that has overwhelmed the nation these past few days has not just been because of the horrific circumstances of Ashling’s death but because Ashling could have been someone we all knew and “was obviously someone very, very special”.

 “She was clearly an all-rounder – bright, good at sport, at music, a people person, a person of integrity, so much promise ahead of her.

 “As we mark the feast day of St. Ita, one of Ireland’s great female saints, thinking of the appalling violence as Ashling suffered, let’s acknowledge to one another just how vital it is to promote a culture that is clearly and unambiguously opposed to violence, especially violence against women. As Pope Francis put it some weeks ago, in a different context, we need to protect women, there is too much violence against women.

 “We need to shout this message from the rooftops. And that message needs to be promoted and heard at all levels, in our schooling, in our sports clubs, in our churches and in our families.

 “Let’s ask St. Ita, ~~‘~~foster mother’ of the Irish saints, to intercede for us that we will do our part always to promote a culture of respect and care and protection of one another, especially of women, that all men will recognise the unique dignity of each woman, that the motto ‘no to violence and abuse of any type’ will be written deep in our heart.”



**LIVE-STREAMING**

We are now live-streaming our services from St. Joseph’s Church. All you need to do is to visit our parish website ***stjosephsparish.ie*** and click on the web-cam option. We would also ask you to please consider making a donation on line for the upkeep of our beautiful church.

**THANK YOU**

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas dues collection. Your donation is greatly appreciated and goes towards the salary of the priests working here in St. Joseph’s Parish.

Una would also like to thank all those who donated to the Parish Clerk’s Collection at Christmas. Your donation goes along way in thanking her for all that she does in our church and for our parish.

**We would continue to ask that parishioners and visitors would consider maintaining a sensible distance, in so much as one can, from each other. 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 until otherwise instructed. Thank you.**

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