

***Welcome to St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue,
Limerick - Church Notices - 20th September 2020***

The Season of Creation

Each year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical Laudato Si (2015), the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on the 4th October. During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home. Pour forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

The Autumn Dues Envelopes are being distributed to the homes in the parish this week. We are grateful to all the volunteers.

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Mass in St. Joseph's Church

Weekday Mass - Monday to Saturday at 10.30am

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30 & 12.30pm

Mass Intentions on Sun. 20th Sept.:

8.30am – For Parishioners

10.30am – Gerard Griffin; Bridie Fitzpatrick; Patricia Finucane;

Bridget & Michael Doran; Phyllis O'Sullivan & Frank O'Sullivan

12.30pm – Flor O'Mahony

Wed. 10.30 – Maurice Callaghan

Thursday 10.30 – Kathleen Carey

Friday 10.30 – Terry O'Shaughnessy;

Canon Sydney McEwan & Monsignor McDonald

Saturday 10.30 – Kitty Leahy

Sunday 27th September:

10.30 – Donie & Conor Murphy; Eric Neville

12.30pm – Margaret Butler & Pat Butler; Brian Mulcahy; Roy Steward

Feasts this week

Mon – St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist

Wednesday – St. Padre Pio

Friday – St. Finbarr

Our Lady of Sorrows

(Feastday – 15th September)

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows,

focuses on Our Lady's intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of Our Lord.

Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it

comprised the 'seven dolours' or 'seven sorrows' of Mary.

These included the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child

Jesus in the Temple, Mary's meeting of Jesus on his way to

Calvary, Mary's standing at the foot of the Cross, her holding of

Jesus when he was taken down from the Cross, and then his

burial. The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows shows us, firstly, that

though Jesus and Mary were constantly doing God's will,

they were not spared from the cross and the challenges and

the vicissitudes of life.

Secondly, it shows that even in the midst of these challenges,

we must always remember that God walks ahead of us and will

never abandon us. Finally, it reminds us that sorrow and the

cross are

never the end but only a step towards the Resurrection and the fullness of life.

Your Sunday Offering can be given at the porches before or after Mass as the baskets cannot be passed around. Many thanks for your generosity.

Last Sunday's Collection €415.

Recent Baptism. We welcome into the Christian Family: Beth Lucy Sheahan, Raheen.

Confession daily after Mass.

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel of St. Matthew, directed to Jewish Christians, stresses that the pagans have also come to God's mercy and are to be accepted. As Christ came to call sinners, so the Church must accept them. God's thoughts of justice are beyond ours, his mercy cannot be measured. That is the point of the Gospel story today, whatever about the details. No one can be content about his or her own state of sanctity and despise or judge others. God's judgement may be quite different

