



*O come, O come, Emmanuel
To free your captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel
To you shall come Emmanuel*

HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS: Please join us for tea / coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass this Wednesday for our special Christmas Celebration. We will return in early January. A date for your diary is Wednesday 20 December for a special Christmas celebration. Our thanks to Marian and her team.

A SEASON OF OPPORTUNITIES, a series of Advent talks at Glenstal Abbey, each Sunday up to Christmas. This Sunday 17 December *'Advent: The 'Call Room' for Christmas Simon Sleeman OSB'*. The talks take place at 4.30pm in the Library followed by refreshments and Vespers at 6pm. Donation €20; Email:events@glenstal.com or call 061-621005

CHRISTMAS DUES: The Christmas dues envelopes for the Parish Clergy and the Sacristan will be distributed to houses during the week. If you are contributing by cheque, please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'. A big thank you to all those who volunteer with the distribution of the envelopes

REMEMBRANCE TREE: The cards for the Remembrance Tree are in the basket at the foot of the tree. Please fill in a card with the names of those who will be away from home and who you would like included in our Parish prayers during the Christmas Season and hang it on the Remembrance Tree.

REPORT OF THE RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council met on Tuesday 12 December. The painting of the outside of the church has taken longer than planned as some of the timber had to be replaced. The security system in the church has been updated and extra outside lights have been fitted. Thank you to Roger for decorating the church in time for Christmas. There was a discussion on the recent meeting of Pastoral Unit 5 with Bishop Brendan Leahy.

REDEMPTORISTS CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL the theme this year is *'Leave no one behind this Christmas'*. All Donations to Redemptorists Perpetual Help Fund Mount St, Alphonsus.

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back in its full capacity for 2024, bringing a full team of workers and assisted pilgrims. If you know someone (family member, neighbour, friend etc) who would like to travel as part of our assisted pilgrim section please let them know. Christmas may even be an opportunity for people to give a gift of a trip to Lourdes to a family member. Further information available from Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

To mark the final step of our preparation for Christmas, our Priests will be available for a short Penitential Service which will include the opportunity for Confession each morning after 10.00 am Mass this coming week and after 6pm Vigil Mass on 23 December and the 10 am and 11.30am Masses on 24 December

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16th	18:00	Carmel Custy (A) Josie Morris (A)
Sun 17th	10:00	Michael Gleeson (A) Tom Clohessy (A) John & Christine Guirey (A)
	11:30	Jim & Rose Hurley (Rem) John Collins (A) Paddy, Peig & John Quane (A) John & Helen Higgins (M.M.)
Mon 18th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 19th	10:00	Jim Murphy (A)
Wed 20th	10:00	Micheál Óg Meaney (A)
Thurs 21st	10:00	Karen & Hugh Kavanagh (A)
Fri 22nd	10:00	Mary O'Rourke (A) & her brother John Clifford (Rem) Michael O'Farrell (3 rd A)
Sat 23rd	18:00	Gerry McKeon (A) Marian Meehan (1 st A) Maura Torpey (4 th A)
Sun 24th	10:00	John O'Connor (A)
	11:30	

Mass Times:

Daily Mass – Mon to Fri – 10:00
Sat Vigil & Eve of Holy Day – 18:00
Sunday & Holy Day – 10:00 & 11:30

Baptisms:

Sat 17:00 & Sun 12:15 by appointment

Marriages: by appointment

Priests:

Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. tel - 061 324825

Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel - 087 2997733

Adoration: First Friday 10:30 to 11:30
except when there is a funeral

Parish Website:

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

Parish Clerk:

Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy
tel - 061 325 288

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 09:00 to 09:45
& Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30

Church Open for Private Prayer:

Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00