

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Limerick**

Fourth Sunday of Lent



**Parish Newsletter
19th March 2023**

PLEASE TAKE ONE

Laetare Sunday

The Entrance Antiphon begins today with the words: Rejoice, Jerusalem, in Latin: Laetare, Jerusalem. It marks a time of celebration as we are past the half-way point in Lent and looking forward to the Resurrection.

Mother's Day

Today, let us remember all our mothers, both living and dead, their care for us and their goodness in our lives.

"Our Lady ... gives the Church the feel of a home, a home in which the God of newness dwells. Let us receive with amazement the mystery of the Mother of God."

[Pope Francis, 2019]

Events during Lent

On Tuesdays from 7:30 pm, Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. is giving a series of **Lenten Talks in the Parish Centre** on the theme: How we can help Celebrate and Renew our Catholic Faith.

A **Lenten Bible Study** continues each Wednesday during Lent at St. Saviour's Parish. We will be journeying through the Gospel of Mark, watching and discussing a series on the Gospel of Mark by Dr. Tim Gray followed by a time of Q&A and prayer. Meeting in St. Saviour's Parish Hall (enter through side doors on Dominick Street) from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Please bring your Bible if you have one.

On Fridays during Lent, Br. James Dormer leads a **Way of the Cross** after the 10:00 am Mass. This is streamed live.

World Youth Day

A pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal is being organised by the Diocese of Limerick; 31st July to 8th August, 2023. World Youth Day is a world-wide gathering of young people, focused on Christ, meeting with each other and with Pope Francis. Interested parishioners are invited to speak with Fr. McAuliffe in the first instance. See poster on parish website.

Feast of Saint Joseph

On Monday 20th March, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family and patron saint of fathers.

"St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."

[Pope St. John Paul II, 1981]

Bishop St. Oscar Romero

On Friday, 24th March 2023, we remember Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, who was shot dead on 24th March 1980 while celebrating Mass. An outspoken critic of violence from all sides of the conflict in El Salvador, he was an advocate for social justice. In 2015, Bishop Romero was declared a martyr and beatified. In 2018, he was canonised.

Volunteers for Monday

We need help tomorrow Monday 20th March with the job of assembling Easter Cards. Volunteers, please come to Parish Centre; 2:00 to 4:00 pm. and again on Thursday 23rd.

We are being counted

This weekend and next, at the request of Bishop Brendan Leahy, the attendance at all Masses in the parish is being counted to inform decision-making for the future.

Daffodil Day on 24th March

This is the biggest fundraising event of the year for the Irish Cancer Society, which provides important support for cancer patients and their families as well as funding for research.

Feast of the Annunciation

On Saturday, 25th March 2023, we celebrate The Annunciation of the Lord, when the Angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she was chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God. It reminds us to be open to the Will of God in our lives, as Mary was in her life.

Theology on Tap

Under this heading and organised by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Limerick, Eamonn Barron will make a presentation entitled: Reflections on Faith and Mental Health on Tuesday 28th March at 7:30 pm in Bobby Byrne's.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy; 22nd to 27th June. Flights from Shannon. Organised by Joe Walsh Tours in conjunction with the Diocese of Limerick. See poster on parish website.

National Pilgrimage to Fatima

Led by Bishop Eamon Martin; 20th to 27th July; this is open to pilgrims from all dioceses. Flights from Dublin. Contact Joe or Maureen McLaughlin by telephone on 0044 2890 701606 or 0044 7711 808207.

Mass Intentions

Sat 18 th Mar	18:00	<i>Vigil Mass</i>
Sun 19 th Mar	10:00	Deirdre O'Donnell & Tess Doyle
	11:30	Joe McGrath (A); Dr. Jimmy Ledwith (1 st A)
Mon 20 th Mar	10:00	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
Tue 21 st Mar	10:00	Ann Keane (A)
Wed to Fri	10:00	<i>Daily Mass</i>
Sat 25 th Mar	18:00	Kay Reynolds (A)
Sun 26 th Mar	10:00	
	11:30	Pearl & Jack Moore; Geraldine Corbett (A); Sr. Gertrude Horrigan (A)