

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Limerick**

Feast of Christ the King



**Parish Newsletter
26th November 2023**

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Report on Meeting with Bishop Leahy

On Wednesday last, 15th November 2023, Bishop Brendan Leahy met with parishioners from Pastoral Units 4, 5 and 6. Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is in Pastoral Unit 5 with Christ the King and Cratloe / Sixmilebridge. Bishop Leahy began the meeting with a short video on the recent Synod in Rome, where he was one of two Irish delegates. He said it was a very good synod where delegates sat in groups of 11 around circular tables. The groups consisted of priests, religious and lay people, both men and women.

Bishop Leahy outlined the present situation in the Diocese of Limerick, which is presented in the 'Overview 2023' booklet and he asked where our diocese would be in 15 year's time. He said we must act while we have the energy to think outside the box of our own parish. He thanked all those who volunteer in our parishes. Time was given for group discussion on the way forward for our parishes at the end of which many viewpoints and suggestions were made to all in attendance and recorded. It is the First Step in the process – a conversation and listening step.

First Communion Preparation

We welcome the JFK boys and their families, who will attend the 6:00 pm Vigil Mass this weekend and the Salesian Girls and their families, who will attend the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, as part of their ongoing preparation for the sacrament of First Communion in May 2024.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses next weekend 2nd / 3rd December 2023. This year has been very challenging for our conference with an increase of almost 50% in requests for assistance with food, fuel, education costs, household bills and goods. The rise in the cost of living and consequent increase in requests has led to a significant growth in expenditure by the conference. We are very appreciative of the consistent and very generous support of the parishioners each month as this enables us to respond to all requests. Thank you most sincerely for your financial support and encouragement throughout the year. We wish each of you and your family a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Renewal of the Liturgy Group

The Parish Liturgy Group consists of clergy, religious and members of the laity who meet regularly to discuss and to create liturgies that nourish people spiritually and facilitate a more full and active participation in our Sunday Eucharist and in Special Events. We hope to renew the membership at this time and we extend an invitation to any parishioner who would like to participate in our work. If you are interested in joining the Liturgy Group, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

Collection Baskets at Weekend Masses

We intend to resume the practice of passing the baskets through the seats for the Offertory Collection each weekend and for the Diocesan Needs Collection twice each month. We need some volunteers to help ensure that this runs smoothly from next weekend, 2nd & 3rd December. If you are in a position to help, please have a word with Margaret, our Sacristan, and let her know your usual Mass time.

Villiers Festive Market on 8th December

We warmly invite you to join us as we host our Festive Market at Villiers School, North Circular Road, V94 F983 on Friday 8th Dec. from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Stroll through the stalls, sipping a hot chocolate, listening to festive music, whilst picking up some gifts, crafts, art, decorations, baked goods, jewellery, knits, festive plants, sweet treats and more, from seasoned and new market stall holders. Entry is free. Donations welcomed for the International Red Cross. We are looking forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces, as we head into the Christmas season.

Hospitality on Wednesdays

Don't forget to come along for tea / coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesdays. Our thanks to Marion and her team.

Yoga on Thursdays

All are welcome to Chair Yoga with Sinéad Garry on Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Parish Centre. Contact Sinéad at 087 9711007 or book your place online at www.villageyoga.ie. Osteo Strong classes may also be held on Thursdays at 12:00 noon if sufficient numbers express an interest. Call Sinéad for further details.

Mass Intentions

Sat 25 th Nov	18:00	Roisín Hayes (3 rd A); Marian O'Flynn; Rena Keenaghan (A)
Sun 26 th Nov	10:00	Desmond Fry
	11:30	Mike Broderick (A); Mary Finucane (MM); Jim Finucane (A); Josephine O'Mara (1 st A); Margaret Guirey (A)
Mon 27 th Nov	10:00	Pro Popolo; James & Mary Boland
Tue 28 th Nov	10:00	Deceased members of Lansdowne Active Retirement
Wed 29 th Nov	10:00	Deceased members of the Finucane & McNamara families
Thur 30 th Nov	10:00	Louis Belton (Rec Dec); Tom Brosnan (A)
Fri 1 st Dec	10:00	Vivian Cobbe (Rec Dec); Sr. Monica Power (A)
Sat 2 nd Dec	18:00	
Sun 3 rd Dec	10:00	
	11:30	Denis McMahan (A); Gertrude Hayes (4 th A)