

DIOCESE OF LIMERICK DIRECTORY 2025



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3rd January is the patronal feast day of St. Munchin

St. Ita

15th January is the patronal feast day of St. Ita

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- St. John's
- St. Patrick's/St. Brigid's
- St. Michael's
- Monaleen
- Our Lady Help of Christians

Cill Rois

Canon Tony Mullins

- Christ the King
- Cratloe/Sixmilebridge
- Our Lady of the Rosary

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- Bruff/Meanus/Grange
- Banogue
- Dromin/Athlacca
- Croom
- Fedamore
- Manister

St James

Canon Derek Leonard

- Rathkeale
- Ballingarry/Granagh
- Knockaderry/Cloncagh

Íde Naofa

Fr Denis Mullane

- Abbeyfeale
- Athea
- Templeglantine
- Tournafulla/Mountcollins

Croí Clann Naofa

Fr Liam Enright

- St. Joseph's
- St. Saviour's
- Our Lady of Lourdes

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- Corpus Christi
- Parteen/Meelick

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- St. Nicholas
- St. Mary's

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- Rockhill/Bruree
- Ballyagran/Colmanswell

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- Cappagh
- Croagh/Kilfinny
- Askeaton/Ballysteen

Our Lady's

Canon Frank O'Dea

- Newcastlewest
- Mahoonagh
- Monagea
- Ardagh/Carrickerry

Slí Pádraig

Fr John Walsh

- Donoughmore/Knockea/Roxboro
- Our Lady Queen of Peace
- Holy Family

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Fr Mike Cussen

- Patrickswell/Ballybrown
- Mungret/Crecora/Raheen
- St. Paul's
- Kildimo/Pallaskenry
- Kilcornan

Ballyhoura

Canon Michael O'Shea

- Ardpatrick
- Bulgaden/Martinstown
- Effin/Garrienderk
- Glenroe/Ballyorgan
- Kilfinane
- Kilmallock

Shannon West

- Shanagolden/Foynes/Robertstown
- Loughill/Ballyhahill
- Glin
- Coolcappa/Kilcolman

St. Ita's

Fr David Casey

- Dromcollogher/Broadford
- Kileedy/Ashford
- Feenagh/Kilmeedy

Cathedral Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

St. John's, Monaleen, St. Patrick's/St. Brigid's, St. Michael's, Our Lady Help of Christians (Associate parish)

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Details of Parishes

St. John's

Church: St. John the Baptist

Parish Office

Cathedral House,
Cathedral Place,
Limerick.
V94 H521

Office Hours:

9.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Thursday ,
9.30 am to 3.00 pm Friday

Tel: 061-414624. Parish mobile. 087-2589279

Email: admin@stjohnscathedral@limerick.com

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Cora Willis

Parish Sacristan: Mr. Kieran Loughran

Masses

Saturdays: 10.00 am & 6.00 pm

Sundays: 8.00 am, 10.30 am & 12 noon

Eves of Holydays: 6.00 pm (vigil)

Holydays: (Weekdays) 10.00 am & 5.45 pm

Weekdays: 10.00 am & 5.45 pm

First Fridays: Holy communion is brought to the sick and housebound of the parish

Monaleen

Church: St. Mary Magdalene

Parish Office

St Mary Magdalene Church (Parish Office),
Monaleen Road,
Monaleen,
Castletroy,
Limerick.
V94 E3C8

Office Hours:

7.45 am - 12.45 pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Tel: 061-338340

Email: info@monaleenparish.ie

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Bríd Hession

Parish Sacristans: Mr. Aidan O'Mahony & Ms. Joan Body

Masses

Saturdays: 7.00 pm

Sundays: 10.00 am and 11.30 am

Weekdays: 9.45 am (Tuesday to Friday)

First Friday: 9.45 am

Eves of Holydays: 7.00 pm (vigil)

Holydays: 10.00 am

St Patrick's

Churches: St. Patrick (Dublin Road) St Brigid (Singland)

Parish Office

St Brigid's Church (Parish Office),
St. Patrick's Road,
Limerick
V94 R9H6

Office hours: 10.15 am to 1.30 pm Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday

Tel: 061-319477

Email: parishstpatrick@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Linda Doherty

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Finola Burke (St.
Brigid) Ms. Maura Hayes (St. Patrick)

Masses - St Brigid

Saturdays: 6.00 pm

Sundays: 11.30 am

Eves of Holydays: 6.00 pm

Holydays: 9.45 am

Weekdays: 9.45 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

First Fridays: 9.45 am

Masses - St Patrick

Sundays: 10.30 am (Summertime) 12.30 pm
(Wintertime) in line with clock changes

Eves of Holydays: 6.00 pm

Holydays: 9.45 am

Weekdays: Thursday 9.45 am

St Michael's

Church: St. Michael

Parish Office

Cathedral House
Cathedral Place
Limerick.
V94 H521

Office Hours: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to
Thursday, 9.30 am to 3.00 pm Friday

Tel: 061-414624

Email: admin@stjohnscathedrallimerick.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Cora Willis

Masses

Saturdays: 10.00 am

Sundays: 4.30 pm

Eves of Holydays: 6.00 pm

Holydays: 10.00 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am

First Fridays: 10.00 am

Polish Masses

Saturdays: 7.00 pm

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 7.00 pm Wednesday

First Fridays: 7.00 pm

Our Lady Help of Christians

Church: Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Office

Salesian House,
Milford,
Castletroy,
Co. Limerick

Masses

Saturdays: 10.00 am & 7.30 pm
Sundays: 9.00 am, 10.30 am, 12 noon & 7.30 pm
Holydays: 10.00 am, 1.10 pm & 7.30 pm
Weekdays: 10.00 am
First Fridays: 10.00 am

Parish Sacristan: Sr Margaret Clancy, FMA

Croí Clann Naofa Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

St. Joseph's, St. Saviour's, Our Lady of Lourdes

Moderator:

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Fr. Oliver Plunkett, 13 Castlecourt, Clancy Strand, Limerick.

Details of Parishes

St Joseph's

Church: St. Joseph

Parish Office

St. Joseph's,
O'Connell Avenue,
Limerick
V94 NR29

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Monday to Thursday

Tel: 061-313401 **Email:** stjosephsparishlkeircom.net

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Una McCarthy

Masses

Saturdays: 10.30 am
Sundays: 10.30 am, 12.30 pm
Holydays: 10.30 am
Weekdays: 10.30 am
First Fridays: 10.30 am

St Saviour's

Church: St. Saviour (Dominican Church)

Parish Office

St. Saviour's Dominican Church,
Glentworth Street,
Limerick.
V94 X2AA

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Monday to Friday

Tel: 085-2255796

Email: stsavioursdominican@gmail.com

Masses

Saturdays: 1.00 pm

Sundays: 1.00 pm

Eves of Holydays: 1.00 pm

Holydays: 1.00 pm

Weekdays: 1.00 pm

First Fridays: 1.00 pm

Parish Administrator: Sister Caitriona Kavanagh, O.P.

Parish Sacristan: Mr. Tom Scanlon

Our Lady of Lourdes

Church: Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Childers Rd,
Limerick, V94 NX77

Tel: 087-9552729

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Masses

Saturdays: 6.00 pm

Sundays: 11.00 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am

Holydays: 10.00 am

Slí Pádraig Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Donoughmore/Knockea/Roxboro, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Holy Family

Moderator:

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Details of Parishes

Donoughmore/Knockea/Roxboro

Churches: St Patrick (Donoughmore) St Patrick (Knockea)

Parish Office

Church House,
Donoughmore,
Limerick.

Office Hours:

Monday 10.30-11.00am,
Tuesday 7.30pm- 8.00 pm &
Friday 10.30am-11.00 am

Tel: 087-4493228

Email: dkrparish@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms Caroline Nash

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Helen Grimes (Donoughmore) Ms Kathy O'Riordan (Knockea)

Masses (Donoughmore)

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm
Weekdays: Monday & Friday. 10.00 am
First Fridays: 10.00 am

Masses (Knockea)

Sundays: 11.00 am
Holydays: 10.00 am
Weekdays: Wednesdays 10.00 am

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Churches: Our Lady Queen of Peace

Parish Office

Roxborough Road,
Limerick

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 12.30 pm Monday,
Tuesday & Wednesday

Tel: 061-467676

Email: qofpchurch@yahoo.ie

Masses

Saturdays: 5.30 pm
Sundays: 11.00 am
Weekdays: 10.00 am
Eves of Holydays: 5.30 pm
Holydays: 10.00 am
First Fridays: 10.00 am

Parish Secretary: Ms. Marie Clancy

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Marie Clancy

Holy Family

Churches: Holy Family

Parish Office

Southill,
Limerick

Office Hours:

10.00 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday

Tel: 087-4493228

Email: frjohnwalsh1963@gmail.com

Masses

Saturdays: 7.00 pm

Sundays: 12.00 noon

Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday

Parish Secretary: Ms. Pauline Begley

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Thomond Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Sub Unit A

St. Munchin's/St. Lelia's, Corpus Christi, Parteen/Meelick.

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Parishes:

St. Nicholas, St. Mary's

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Details of Parishes

St. Munchin's

Churches: St Munchin (Clancy Strand) St Lelia (Ballynanty)

Parish Office

St. Lelia's Church,
Kileely Road,
Kileely,
Limerick.
V94 X8W6

Office Hours: 9.00 am. to 4.30 pm. Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

Tel: 061-328577

Email: stmuchinsparish@outlook.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Louise Kennedy

Parish Sacristans: Mr Noel Lyons (St
Munchin)

Sr. Barbara Jackson (St. Lelia's)

Ms. Mary Lyons (St. Camillus' Hospital
Chapel)

Masses (St. Munchin)

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday.

Holydays: 9.30 am

First Fridays: 9.30 am

Masses (St. Lelia)

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm

Sundays: 10.30 am

Weekdays: 10.15 am Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

Holydays: 10.15 am

First Friday: 10.15 am

Masses (St. Camillus' Hospital Chapel)

Sundays: 10.15 pm

Weekdays: 11.00 am Wednesday

Corpus Christi

Church: Corpus Christi

Parish Office

Corpus Christi Church
Moyross
Limerick

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00
pm. Friday 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

Tel: 085-2389194

Email: moyrossparish@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Mr Jason McNamara

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Eileen Sheehan

Masses

Saturday evening: 5.00 pm

Sundays: 11.15 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am

Holydays: 11.15 am

First Fridays: 9.30 am

Parteen/Meelick

Churches: St Patrick (Parteen) St John the Baptist (Meelick)

Parish Office

St. Lelia's Church,
Kileely Road,
Kileely, Limerick
V94 X8W6

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Tel: 061-328577

Email: stmuchinsparish@outlook.com

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Parish Sacristans: Ms. Kathleen Molloy
(Parteen) Ms. Irene Nix (Meelick)

Masses (Parteen)

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Sundays: 10.30 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Holydays: 10.00 am

Masses (Meelick)

Sundays: 12.00 noon

Weekdays: 10.00 am Wednesday & Thursday

St.Nicholas

Church: St Nicholas (Westbury)

Parish Office

St Nicholas Church
Westbury
V94 C940

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 1.30 pm Monday
& Thursday

Tel: 061-341300

Email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

Masses

Sundays: 10.00 am

Eve of Holydays: 6.30 pm

Parish Secretary: Ms. Linda Doherty

Parish Sacristans: Michael & Precious Russell

St.Mary's

Church: St Mary

Parish Office

St. Mary's Church,
Athlunkard Street,
Limerick

Office Hours: 10.30 am to 1.00 pm
Wednesday & Friday

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Email: stmarysparishlk@outlook.com

Masses

Saturday evening: 5.00 pm

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am

First Fridays: 10.00 am

Holydays: 10.00 am

Parish Secretary: Ms. Goretti Shanahan

Parish Sacristans: Noel Ryan and
Gerry O'Donovan

Cill Rois Pastoral Unit

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Christ the King, Cratloe/Sixmilebridge, Our Lady of the Rosary

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Tel. 087-2997733

Christ the King

Church: Christ the King

Parish Office

Christ the King Church,
Blackthorn Drive,
Caherdavin Hts,
Limerick.

Office Hours: 9.00am to 1.00 pm Monday,
Thursday & Friday

Tel: (061) 455514

Email: christthekingcaherdavin@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Ann Marie Mitchell

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Anne Marie Mitchell

Masses

Saturday evening: 6.30 pm

Sundays: 10.30 am & 12 noon

Weekdays: 10.00 am except Eve of Holy days or
Bank Holidays

Holydays: 10.00 am

First Friday: 10.00 am

Cratloe

Churches: St John (Cratloe) St John (Sixmilebridge)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Ballymorris,
Cratloe,
Co. Clare,
V95 F6X2.

Office Hours: 12.00 noon to 3.30 pm
Thursday

Tel: 083-1910050

Email: cratloeparishoffice@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms.Sandra McMahon-O'Gorman

Parish Sacristans: Ms.Catherine Keogh and Ms. Ita Cusack

Masses (Cratloe)

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am

Holydays: 11.30 am

Masses (Sixmilebridge)

Sundays: 10.00 am

First Friday: 10.00 am

Our Lady of the Rosary

Church: Our Lady of the Rosary

Parish Office

Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Ennis Road,
Limerick.

Office Hours: Weekdays 8.30am-10.30am
(except Thursdays) Sunday 9.30 am-12.30
pm

Tel: 061-325288

Email: desmondmcauliffe@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms Siobhan Clifford

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Margaret Clifford

Masses

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Sundays: 10.00 am & 11.30 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am

Holydays: 10.00 am & 11.30 am

Eve of Holy Days: 6.00 pm

St. Nessian's Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Patrickswell/Ballybrown, Mungret/Raheen/Crecora, St. Paul's, Kildimo/Pallaskenry, Kilcornan

Moderator:

Fr Michael Cussen, The Presbytery, Ballybrown, Co Limerick.

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Co-Parish Priests:

Fr. Noel Murphy CSSp, 14 Springfield, Dooradoyle, Limerick.

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Email. timwrennsdb@gmail.com

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Tel. 089 2070570

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Assistant Priests:

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Msgr. Michael Lane, 2, Meadowvale, Raheen, Limerick.

Deacon:

Deacon Tim Collins, Ballyduane, Clarina, Co Limerick. V94 N6YO

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Patrickswell/Ballybrown

Churches: Blessed Virgin Mary (Patrickswell) St Joseph (Ballybrown)

Parish Office

Resource Centre,

Ballybrown,

Clarina,

Co Limerick

V94 F5EY

Office Hours: 11.30am - 3.30pm Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

Tel: 061-353454

Email: pwbbparishoffice@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms Maria Bucke

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Maria Bucke (Patrickswell) Mr. Tom O'Brien (Ballybrown)

Masses (Patrickswell)

Saturday evening: 6.30 pm

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &

Friday

Holydays: 11.30 am

Masses (Ballybrown)

Saturday evening: 8.00 pm

Sundays: 10.00 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &

Friday

Holydays: 10.00 am

Mungret/Creora/Raheen

Churches: St Oliver Plunkett (Mungret) St Nessian (Raheen) Ss Peter & Paul (Creora)

Parish Office

Millennium Centre,
Raheen,
Limerick.
V94DE98

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm Monday to Friday

Tel: 061-210869

Email: parishoffice@mcrparish.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Mary Egan

Parish Sacristans: Mr. Jim Supple (Mungret)

Ms. Fidlema O'Rourke (Raheen)

Ms. Kay Foley (Creora)

Masses (Mungret)

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am Wednesday

Holydays: 11.30 pm

Masses (Raheen)

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Sundays: 11.00 am & 12.30 pm

Weekdays: 10.00 am

Eve of Holydays: 7.30 pm

Holydays: 11.00 am

First Friday: 10.00 am followed by Adoration

Masses (Creora)

Sundays: 10.00 am

Weekdays: 9.15 am Tuesday & Thursday

Holydays: 10.00 am

St Paul's

Church: St Paul

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Kathleen Dullea & Ms. Maureen Ryan

Masses

Saturday evening: 5.00 pm

Sundays: 10.00 am & 12 noon

Weekdays: 10.00 am Monday to Saturday

Eve of Holydays: 5.00 pm

Holydays: 10.00 am

Kildimo/Pallaskenry

Churches: St Joseph (Kildimo) St Mary (Pallaskenry)

Parish Office

Kildimo,
Co. Limerick

Office Hours: By appointment

Tel: 061-394134

Email: kildimopallaskenryparish@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Norma O'Neill

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Anne Hayes

Masses (Kildimo)

Sundays: 12 noon

Weekdays: 7.00 pm Wednesday, 10.00 am

Thursday & Friday

Holydays: 10.00 am

First Friday: 10.00 am

Masses (Pallaskenry)

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm

Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday & Tuesday

Kilcornan

Church: St John the Baptist

Parish Secretary: Mr. John O’Gorman

Parish Sacristans: Mr. Lesley Turner

Masses

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am except Wednesdays

Holydays: 11.00 am

First Friday: 9.30 am

Maigue Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Manister, Fedamore, Bruff/Meanus/Grange, Croom, Banogue, Dromin/Athlacca.

Moderator:

Canon Noel Kirwan, The Presbytery, Bruff, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-2589279

Email. nkirwan62@gmail.com

Co-Parish Priests:

Canon William Fitzmaurice, Croom, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 061-397231/086-2423728

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Fr. Damian Ryan, Manister, Croom, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-2274412

Email. 4dlord@gmail.com

Fr. Francesco Okonkwo , Parochial House, Dromin, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-7151260 Email. francesco.okonkwo@limerickdiocese.org

Assistant Priest:

Fr. Michael Hanley, Parochial House, Fedamore, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 086-8595733

Email. hanleymichaelangelo@gmail.com

Details of Parishes

Bruff/Meanus/Grange

Churches: Ss Peter & Paul (Bruff) St Mary (Meanus) Ss Patrick & Brigid (Grange)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Bruff,
Co. Limerick.

Tel: 087-2616843

Email: nkirwan62@gmail.com

Parish Sacristan: Ms Eileen Irwin

Masses (Bruff)

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Sundays: 11.00 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am Monday to Friday

Eve of Holydays: 6.00 pm

Holydays: 11.00 am

First Friday: 10.00 am

Masses (Meanus)

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm (Third Saturday of the month)

Masses (Grange)

Sundays: 9.30 am (First Sunday of the month)

Croom

Church: Our Lady of the Assumption

Parish Sacristan: Mr Tom Moloney

Masses

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Eve of Holydays: 7.00 pm

First Friday: 7.00 pm

Banogue

Church: Ss Peter & Paul

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Kathleen Noonan

Masses

Sundays: 10.00 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am Tuesday & Thursday

First Friday: 9.30 am

Dromin/Athlacca

Churches: Holy Trinity (Dromin) St John the Baptist (Athlacca)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Bruff,
Co. Limerick.

Tel: 087-2616843

Email: nkirwan62@gmail.com

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Karen Fox

Masses (Dromin)

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm
Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday
Eve of Holydays: 7.30 pm
Holydays: 7.30 pm

Masses (Athlacca)

Sunday: 10.00 am
Weekdays: 10.00 am Thursday
Eve of Holydays: 7.30 pm
Holydays: 10.00 am

Fedamore

Church: St John the Baptist

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Bernadette O'Connell

Masses

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm
Sundays: 10.30 am
Weekdays: 10.00 am Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

Manister

Church: St Michael

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Moira O'Connell

Masses

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm
Sundays: 11.30 am
Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday, Wednesday
& Friday

Killacolla Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Rockhill/Bruree, Ballyagran/Colmanswell.

Moderator:

Fr. David Gibson, Ballyagran, Kilmallock, Co.Limerick.

Tel. 087-2528738

Email. brookhaven.gibson@gmail.com

Details of Parishes

Rockhill/Bruree

Churches: St Munchin (Rockhill) Immaculate Conception (Bruree)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Ballyagran,
Kilmallock,
Co. Limerick,
V35YN35

Tel: 087-2528738

Email: brookhaven.gibson@gmail.com

Masses (Rockhill)

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Masses (Bruree)

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am Wednesday

Holydays: 11.00 am

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Margaret Deady

Parish Sacristan: Mrs. Breda Tracey

Ballyagran/Colmanswell

Churches: St Michael (Ballyagran) St Colman (Colmanswell)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Ballyagran.
Kilmallock,
Co. Limerick,
V35YN35

Tel: 087-2528738

Email: brookhaven.gibson@gmail.com

Masses (Ballyagran)

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm

Weekdays: 10.00 am Tuesday

Holydays: 10.00 am

Masses (Colmanswell)

Sundays: 10.00 am Last Sunday of the month

Ballyhoura Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Ardpatrick, Bulgaden/Martinstown, Effin/Garrienderk, Glenroe/Ballyorgan, Kilfinane, Kilmallock

Moderator:

Canon Michael O'Shea, Lisieux, Glenfield Road, Kilmallock, Co Limerick. (Moderator)
Tel. 087-9791432 Email. mjtoshea@gmail.com

Assistant Priests:

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Fr. Tom Coughlan, Effin, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 063-71314/087- 2229223 Email. frtomcoughlan@hotmail.com

Fr. Patrick Bluett, Church View, Glenfield Road, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 086-8726488.

Fr. Anthony Bluett, Parochial House, Ardpatrick, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 063-91903/087-1848833.

Details of Parishes

Ardpatrick

Church: St Patrick

Parish Office

Kilmallock Pastoral Centre,
Sheares Street,
Kilmallock,
Co. Limerick.

Masses (Ardpatrick)

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm

Weekdays: 7.00 pm Wednesday

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Tuesday to Thursday

Tel: 063-98287

Email: kilmallockparish@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia Dennehy

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Mary Murphy

Bulgaden/Martinstown

Churches: Our Lady of the Assumption (Bulgaden) Our Lady of the Assumption (Martinstown)

Parish Office

Kilmallock Pastoral Centre,
Sheares Street,
Kilmallock,
Co. Limerick.

Masses (Bulgaden)

Sundays: 10.00 am every second Sunday

First Friday: 10.30 am

Masses (Martinstown)

Sundays: 10.00 am every second Sunday

Weekdays: 10.15 am Wednesdays

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Tuesday to Thursday

Tel: 063-98287

Email: kilmallockparish@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia Dennehy

Parish Sacristan: Mr. Timmy Houlihan (Bulgaden)

Effin/Garrienderk

Churches: Our Lady Queen of Peace (Effin) St Patrick (Garrienderk)

Parish Office

Killmallock Pastoral Centre,
Sheares Street,
Killmallock,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Tuesday
to Thursday

Tel: 063-98287

Email: killmallockparish@gmail.com

Masses (Effin)

Sundays: 12 noon

Weekdays: 10.00 am Monday to Wednesday

Masses (Garrienderk)

Friday evening: 7.00 pm

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia Dennehy

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Renee Shanahan

Glenroe/Ballyorgan

Churches: Our Lady of Ransom (Glenroe) St Joseph (Ballyorgan)

Parish Office

Killmallock Pastoral Centre,
Sheares Street,
Killmallock,
Co. Limerick

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Tuesday
to Thursday

Tel: 063-98287

Email: killmallockparish@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia Dennehy

Parish Sacristans: Mr. Michael Carroll (Glenroe) Ms. Frances Murphy (Ballyorgan)

Masses (Glenroe)

Saturday evening: 5.00 pm

Weekdays: 9.30 am Friday

Masses (Ballyorgan)

Sundays: 10.00 am 1st Sunday of the Month

Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday

Kilfinane

Church: St Andrew

Parish Office

Killmallock Pastoral Centre,
Sheares Street,
Killmallock,
Co. Limerick

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Tuesday to
Thursday

Tel: 063-98287

Email: killmallockparish@gmail.com

Masses

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Sundays: 11.00 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am Tuesday to Thursday, 7.00 pm
Monday & Friday

Holydays: 11.00 am

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia Dennehy

Parish Sacristan: Sr. Patricia Coughlan

Kilmallock/Ballingaddy

Churches: Ss Peter & Paul (Kilmallock) St Mary (Ballingaddy)

Parish Office

Kilmallock Pastoral Centre,
Sheares Street,
Kilmallock,
Co. Limerick

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Tuesday
to Thursday

Tel: 063-98287

Email: kilmallockparish@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia Dennehy

St James Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Rathkeale, Ballingarry/Granagh, Knockaderry/Cloncagh

Moderator:

Canon Derek Leonard, Parochial House, Knockaderry, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-6261287

Email. derekleonard0007@gmail.com

Co-Parish Priests:

Canon Tom Carroll, Turrett Street, Ballingarry, Co Limerick.

Tel. 087-2036229

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Details of Parishes

Rathkeale

Church: St Mary

Parish Office

Lower Main Street,
Rathkeale,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: Tuesday (9.00 am to 5.00 pm,
10.00 am to 4.00 pm Wednesday & Thursday

Tel: 069-63133

Email: rathkealeparish@gmail.com

Masses

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 7.30 pm Monday, 9.30 am Tuesday
to Thursday

Eve of Holydays: 7.30 pm

Holydays: 9.30 am

Parish Secretary: Ms. Elizabeth Scanlan

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Mary Daly

Ballingarry/Granagh

Churches: Our Lady of the Immaculate (Ballingarry) St Joseph (Granagh)
Parish Office

Ballingarry Granagh Parish Office
Turrett, Street,
Ballingarry,
Co Limerick V94KV26

Office Hours: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm Wednesday

Tel: 069-68661

Email: balgranparish@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Marian Sheedy

Parish Sacristans: Mr. Tom Lynch (Ballingarry) Ms. Kathleen Toomey (Granagh)

Masses (Ballingarry)

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm

Weekdays: 10.00 am Tuesday & Wednesday

Masses (Granagh)

Sundays: 10.30 am

Weekdays: 10.00 am Thursday & Friday

First Friday: 10.00 am

Knockaderry/Cloncagh

Churches: St Munchin (Knockaderry) St Mary (Cloncagh)

Parish Sacristans:

Ms Helen Murphy (Knockaderry)

Mr. Michael Flatley (Cloncagh)

Masses (Knockaderry)

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Eve of Holydays: 6.00 pm

Masses (Cloncagh)

Sundays: 10.00 am

Holydays: 10.00 am

Pastoral Unit 11

Parishes:

Adare, Cappagh, Croagh/Kilfinny, Askeaton/Ballysteen.

Moderator:

Right Rev. Mons. Daniel Neenan, Holy Trinity Abbey Church, Adare,
Co. Limerick. Tel. 061-396172/ 087-2208547 Email. danneenan@outlook.com

Co-Parish Priest:

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Tel. 086-2342242

Email. jmmockler@gmail.com

Fr. John McCarthy, Parochial House, Croagh, Rathkeale, Co Limerick.

Tel. 085-8066468

Email. croaghkilfinnyparish@outlook.com

Priests in Residence:

Canon Anthony O'Keeffe, Main Street, Adare, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-4163401

Canon Michael Noonan, Parochial House, Cappagh, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-6796217 Email. mikeanoonan3@gmail.com

Details of Parishes

Adare

Church: Holy Trinity

Parish Office

The Presbytery,
Main Street,
Adare, Co. Limerick

Office Hours: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to
Wednesday, 9.30 am to 1.15 pm Thursday

Tel: 061-396172

Email: office@adareparish.ie

Masses

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm
Sundays: 9.30am and 11.30am
Weekdays: 10.00 am
Holydays: 9.30am & 11.30am
First Friday: 10.00 am

Parish Secretary: Ms. Lynda O'Mahony

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Frances Collins

Cappagh

Church: St James

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Cappagh,
Askeaton,
Co Limerick. V94 FHD8

Office Hours: 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm Wednesday

Tel: 069-63432

Email: cappaghnews@gmail.com

Masses

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm
Weekday: 10.00 am Monday

Parish Secretary: Ms. Madeline Meade

Parish Sacristans: Mai Madigan,
Eileen Gleeson, Katie Horan and Margaret
Sheehan

Croagh/Kilfinny

Churches: St John the Baptist (Croagh) St Kieran (Kilfinny)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Croagh,
Rathkeale,
Co. Limerick.

Tel: 069-64185

Email: croaghkilfinnyparish@outlook.com

Masses (Croagh)

Sundays: 10.00 am
Weekday: 10.00 am Tuesday
Holydays: 10.00 am
Eve of Holydays: 7.00 pm

Masses (Kilfinny)

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm
Weekday: 10.00 am Wednesday
Eve of Holydays: 7.00 pm

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Seema Mathew (Croagh) Mr. Noel Kiely (Kilfinny)

Askeaton/Ballysteen

Churches: St Mary (Askeaton) St Patrick (Ballysteen)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Clounreask,
Askeaton,
Co. Limerick
V94 NH4X

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Tuesday

Tel: 061-398077

Email: easbaile@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Ann Dore

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Elizabeth Blackwell (Askeaton) Ms. Mary Holland (Ballysteen)

Masses (Askeaton)

Saturday evening: 7.00 pm

Sundays: 11.30 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday to Thursday,
7.30 pm Friday (see newsletter)

Masses (Ballysteen)

Sundays: 9.30 am

First Friday: 7.30 pm

Shannon West Pastoral Unit

Details of Parishes

Parishes:

Shanagolden/Foynes/Robertstown, Loughill/Ballyhahill, Glin, Coolcappa/Kilcolman.

Co-Parish Priest:

Fr. Austin McNamara, Parochial House, Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 069-82103/087-2615471

Email. austinmcnamara1896@yahoo.com

Shanagolden/Foynes/Robertstown

Churches: St Senan (Shanagolden) St. Senan (Foynes) St Senan (Robertstown)

Parish Office

Shannon West Pastoral Area Office
Main Street
Foynes
Co. Limerick V94 V8N6

Masses

Please note that Mass times rotate regularly between parishes in the Pastoral Unit. Please contact parish office for more details.

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Wednesday,

9.00 am to 5.00 pm Thursday & Friday

Tel: 069-65561

Email: unit13parishes@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Ann Dore

Parish Sacristans: Ann Moroney

(Shanagolden) Geraldine Toomey (Foynes)

Chriss Dundon (Robertstown)

Loughill/Ballyhahill

Churches: Our Lady of the Assumption (Loughill) Our Lady of the Visitation (Ballyhahill)

Parish Office

Shannon West Pastoral Area Office
Main Street
Foynes
Co. Limerick V94 V8N6

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Wednesday,
9.00 am to 5.00 pm Thursday & Friday

Tel: 069-65561

Email: unit13parishes@gmail.com

Glin

Church: Immaculate Conception

Parish Office

Shannon West Pastoral Area Office
Main Street
Foynes
Co. Limerick V94 V8N6

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Wednesday,
9.00 am to 5.00 pm Thursday & Friday

Tel: 069-65561

Email: unit13parishes@gmail.com

Coolcappa/Kilcolman

Churches: St Kyran (Coolcappa) St Colman Kilcolman)

Parish Office

Shannon West Pastoral Area Office
Main Street
Foynes
Co. Limerick V94 V8N6

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Wednesday,
9.00 am to 5.00 pm Thursday & Friday

Tel: 069-65561

Email: unit13parishes@gmail.com

Masses

Sundays: 9.30 am Ballyhahill (October to March)
9.30 am Loughill (April to September)
Weekdays: 9.30 am Thursdays (Loughill)
Holydays: same as weekends

Parish Secretary: Ms. Ann Dore

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Mary O'Brien (Ballyhahill)
Ms. Frances Liston (Loughill)

Masses

Please note that Mass times rotate regularly between parishes in the Pastoral Unit. Please contact parish office for more details.

Parish Secretary: Ms. Ann Dore

Parish Sacristans: Mr. Michael Fennell

Masses

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm St Colman's - April to September
Saturday evening: 7.30 pm St Kyran's - October to September
Weekdays: 7.30 pm Friday St Colman's, 9.30 am Thursday St Kyran's

Parish Secretary: Ms Ann Dore

Parish Sacristans:

Ms. Mary O'Donnell (St Kyran)
Ms. Kathleen Sheehy (St Colman)

Íde Naofe Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Abbeyfeale, Athea, Templeglantine, Tournafulla/Mountcollins.

Moderator:

Fr. Denis Mullane, The Presbytery, Templeglantine, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 069-84021/087- 2621911

Email. 3parishesttm@gmail.com

Co-Parish Priests:

Fr. William Russell, Curate's House, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-2272825

Email. wfruss@gmail.com

Fr. Tom Mangan, Parochial House, Convent Road, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-2348226

Email. tjmangan86@gmail.com

Assistant Priest:

Fr. Dan Lane, 1 Cedarville, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

Tel. 087-2533030

Email. danfl44@outlook.com

Details of Parishes

Abbeyfeale

Church: Our Lady of the Assumption

Parish Office

Abeyfeale Parish Office

Convent Street,

Abbeyfeale,

Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Tuesday to Friday

Tel: 068-311 33

Email: fealechurch@gmail.com

Athea

Church: St Bartholomew

Parish Office

St. Bartholomew Church

Con Colbert Street, Athea

Co. Limerick.

Tel: 087-3331459

Email: atheaparishchurch@gmail.com

Office Hours: 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Tuesday to Friday

Parish Secretary: Ms. Siobhan Barrett

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Teresa O'Halloran & Ms. Siobhan Barrett

Masses

Saturday evening: 6.30 pm

Sundays: 10.00 am and 12.00 noon

Weekdays: 7.00 pm Monday 10.00 am Tuesday to Friday

Parish Secretary: Ms. Anne O'Mara

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Anne O'Mara

Masses

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm April to end of October

Sundays: 11.00 am November to April

Weekdays: Tuesday 9.30am, Friday 7.00 pm

Eve of Holydays: No Mass

Holydays: 11.00 am

First Friday: 7.00 pm

Templeglantine

Church: Most Holy Trinity

Parish Office

Templeglantine,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Tuesday &
Thursday

Tel: 069-84021

Email: 3parishesttm@gmail.com

Masses

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm
Weekdays: 10.00 am Tuesday
Eve of Holydays: 6.00 pm
Holydays: 6.00 pm
First Friday: 10.00 am

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia Dillane

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Noreen Fitzgerald

Tournafulla/Mountcollins

Churches: St Patrick (Tournafulla) Our Lady of the Assumption

(Mountcollins)

Parish Office

Templeglantine,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Tuesday &
Thursday

Tel: 069-84021

Email: 3parishesttm@gmail.com

Masses (Tournafulla)

Sundays: 11.00 am March to September
Weekdays: 10.00 am Friday
Eve of Holydays: 11.00 am
Holydays: 11.00 am
First Friday: 10.00 am

Masses (Mountcollins)

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm March to September
Weekdays: 10.00 am Thursday
Eve of Holydays: 11.00 am
Holydays: 11.00 am
First Friday: 10.00 am First Thursday

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia Dillane

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Sheila Fitzgerald
(Tournafulla) Mr Davie Dillane (Mountcollins)

Our Lady's Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Newcastlewest, Mahoonagh, Monagea, Ardagh/Carrickerry

Moderator:

Canon Frank O'Dea, St. Ita's Presbytery, Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick. (Moderator)
Tel. 087-2443106 Email. frank.odea@limerickdiocese.org

Co-Parish Priests:

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Fr. Raphael Okanumeh, The Presbytery, Cloncagh, Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 087-9490083 Email. raphael.okanumeh@limerickdiocese.org

Assistant Priests:

Fr. Tom Crawford, Gortboy, Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 087-2218078 Email. tfcrawford22@gmail.com

Canon Frank Duhig, Parochial House, Castlemahon, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 087-6380299 Email. fpduhig@yahoo.co.uk

Fr. Muiris O'Connor, Gortboy, Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 086-6075628 Email. muiris.oconnor@limerickdiocese.org

Details of Parishes

Newcastlewest

Church: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Office

St. Ita's Presbytery,
Newcastlewest,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday 8.30 am to 5.15 pm (open to the public
from 10.30 am) 8.30 am to 1.00 pm on
Wednesday. (open to the public from 10.30 am)

Tel: 069-61816

Email: ncwparish@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia McCarthy

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Bernie Conaghan. **Assistant Sacristan:** Mr. Tom O'Donovan

Masses

Saturday morning: 10.00 am & 6.00 pm

Sundays: 9.00 am & 12 noon

Weekdays: 10.00am Monday to Thursday,
7.30 pm Friday

Mahoonagh/Feohanagh/Castlemahon

Churches: St John the Baptist (Castlemahon) St Mary (Feohanagh)

Parish Office

St. Ita's Presbytery,
Newcastlewest,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30 am to 5.15 pm (open to the public from 10.30 am) 8.30 am to 1.00 pm on Wednesday.(open to the public from 10.30 am)

Tel: 069-61816

Email: ncwparish@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia McCarthy

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Ann Lomasney (Feohanagh) Ms. Margaret O'Donoghue (Castlemahon)

Monagea

Church: Church of the Visitation

Parish Office

St. Ita's Presbytery,
Newcastlewest,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30 am to 5.15 pm (open to the public from 10.30 am) 8.30 am to 1.00 pm on Wednesday.(open to the public from 10.30 am)

Parish Secretary: Ms. Patricia McCarthy

Parish Sacristan: Ms. Mary Bourke

Tel: 069-61816 **Email:** ncwparish@yahoo.co.uk

Ardagh/Carrickerry

Churches: St Molua (Ardagh) St Mary (Carrickerry)

Parish Office

St. Molua' Church (next to Sacristy,
Ardagh,
Limerick.

Office Hours: 9.30 am to 3.30 pm Wednesday,
9.30 am to 12.30 pm Thursday

Tel: 069-76678

Email: ardaghcarrickerryoffice@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Ms. Carol Murphy

Parish Sacristans: Mr. Bernard Kennelly (Ardagh) Ms. Mary O'Sullivan (Carrickerry)

Masses (Castlemahon)

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm January to June
Weekdays: 9.00 am Tuesday & Friday

Masses (Feohanagh)

Sundays: 11.00 am January to June
Weekdays: 9.00 am Monday & Thursday

Masses

Sundays: 10.00 am
Weekdays: 7.30 pm Monday, 9.30 am Wednesday

Masses (Ardagh)

Saturday evening: 6.30 pm October to Easter
Weekdays: 9.30 am Monday, 6.30 pm Friday

Masses (Carrickerry)

Saturday evening: 6.30 pm Easter to October
Sundays: 10.30 am October to Easter
Weekdays: 9.30 am Tuesday & Thursday

St. Ita's Pastoral Unit

Parishes:

Dromcollogher/Broadford, Killeedy/Ashford, Feenagh/Kilmeedy.

Moderator:

Fr. David Casey, Parochial House, The Square, Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 087-2272791 Email. David.casey@limerickdiocese.org

Co-Parish Priest:

Fr. John Keating, Parochial House, Raheenagh, Ballagh, Co. Limerick.
Tel. 087 6322212 Email.Keating.john1954@gmail.com

Details of Parishes Dromcollogher/Broadford

Churches: St Bartholomew (Dromcollogher) Our Lady of the Snows
(Broadford)

Parish Office

St. Bartholomew's Church,
Dromcollogher,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday

Tel: 063-50524

Email: stitas.pastoralunit@limerickdiocese.org

Masses (Dromcollogher)

Saturday evening: 6.00 pm

Weekdays: 9.30 am Wednesday & Friday
(January to June)

Weekdays: 9.30 am Thursday (July to December)

Masses (Broadford)

Sunday: 9.30 am

Weekdays: 9.30 am Thursday (January to June)

Weekdays: 9.30 am Wednesday & Friday
(July to December)

Parish Secretary: Ms. Geraldine O'Sullivan

Parish Sacristans: Denis & Mary Hartnett (Dromcollogher) Ms. Kitty Duggan (Broadford)

Killeedy

Churches: St Ita (Ashford) St Ita (Raheenagh)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Dromcollogher,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Tuesday &
Friday

Tel: 063-50524

Email: stitas.pastoralunit@limerickdiocese.org

Parish Secretary: Ms. Geraldine O'Sullivan

Parish Sacristans: Ms. Phyllis Nelligan
(Raheenagh) Ms Margaret Harnett (Ashford)

Masses (Raheenagh)

Saturday evening:

Sundays: 11.00 am (May to October)

Weekdays: 10.00 am (Monday & Thursday)

Holydays: 11.00 am (May to October)

Masses (Ashford)

Sundays: 11.00 am November to April

Weekdays: Tuesday 10.00 am & Friday 7.00 pm

Holydays: 11.00 am November to April

First Friday: 7.00 pm

Feenagh/Kilmeedy

Churches: St Ita (Feenagh) St Ita (Kilmeedy)

Parish Office

Parochial House,
Dromcollogher,
Co. Limerick.

Office Hours: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Tuesday & Friday

Tel: 063 50524

Email: stitas.pastoralunit@limerickdiocese.org

Parish Secretary: Ms. Geraldine O'Sullivan

Parish Sacristans: John & Mary Cauty

Masses (Feenagh)

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm (1st July to 31st December)

Weekdays: 7.00 pm (Tuesday)

Holydays: 7.30 pm (vigil)

Masses (Kilmeedy)

Saturday evening: 7.30 pm January 1st to June 30th

Weekdays: 10.00 am Wednesday

Holydays: 7.30 pm

Clerical Appointments

Bishop Brendan Leahy made the following Clerical Changes with effect from 28th September, 2024 except where otherwise stated:

Fr. Eugene Boyce, to retire as Moderator and Co-Parish Priest of Pastoral Unit 11 comprising of the parishes of Adare, Cappagh, Croagh/Kilfinny and Askeaton/Ballysteen.

Fr. Joseph Hayes, S.J., to retire as Co-Parish Priest of Slí Pádraig Pastoral Unit comprising of the parishes of Donoughmore/Knockea/Roxboro Our Lady Queen of Peace and Holy Family and to assist in the Unit.

Fr. Michael Noonan, to retire as Co Parish Priest I in the Pastoral Unit of the parishes of Newcastle West, Mahoonagh/Feohanagh/ Castlemahon, Monagea and Ardagh/Carrickerry.

Canon Tony Mullins, Vicar General and Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Ministry and Mission, appointed as Moderator of the Cill Rúis Pastoral Unit comprising the parishes of Christ the King, Cratloe/Sixmilebridge, Our Lady of the Rosary with particular responsibility for the parish of Cratloe/Sixmilebridge.

Fr. Tom Mangan, appointed as Co-Parish Priest of the Íde Naofa Pastoral Unit made up of the parishes of Abbeyfeale, Athea, Templeglantine and Tournafulla/Mountcollins, with particular responsibility for the parishes of Abbeyfeale and Athea.

Fr. Richard Keane, while continuing his ministry in the Cork Marriage Tribunal, appointed as Co-Parish Priest of the Croí Clann Naofa Pastoral Unit made up of the parishes of St. Joseph's, St. Saviour's and Our Lady of Lourdes with particular responsibility for the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Fr. Liam Enright, appointed as Moderator of Croí Clann Naofa Pastoral Unit made up of the parishes of St. Joseph's, St. Saviour's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Fr. John Walsh, appointed to the Slí Pádraig Pastoral Unit as Parish Priest of the parishes of Donoughmore/Knockea/Roxboro, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Holy Family.

Fr. Daniel Tomasik, appointed as Co-Parish Priest of the Cathedral Pastoral Unit made up of the parishes of St. John's, St Patrick's/St. Brigid's, St. Michael's and Monaleen.

Fr. John McCarthy, appointed as Co-Parish Priest of the Pastoral Unit 11 made up of the parishes of Adare, Croagh/Kilfinny, Cappagh and Askeaton.

Fr. Francesco Okonkwo, appointed as Co-Parish Priest of the Maigue Pastoral Unit made up of the parishes of Banogue, Croom, Dromin/Athlacca, Manister, Fedamore, Bruff/Meanus/Grange with immediate effect.

Fr. Tim Wrenn SBD, appointed as Co-Parish Priest of the St. Nessan's Pastoral Unit made up of the parishes of Patrickswell/Ballybrown, Mungret/Crecora/Raheen, St. Paul's, Kildimo/Pallaskerry and Kilcornan with particular responsibility for the parish of Kilcornan.

Fr. Michael Eduziuno, appointed to assist the Pastoral Team in the Diocesan Centre with effect from Monday, 2nd September 2024.

Fr. Emmanuel Okwudinka, appointed to assist in the Slí Pádraig Pastoral Unit comprising of the parishes of Donoughmore/Knockea/Roxboro, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Holy Family.

Clergy with appointments outside the Diocese

Fr. Paul Finnerty

Rector, Pontificio Collegio Irlandese, Via dei Santi Quattro, 1, 00184, Roma, Italy.

Fr. David Costello

Director, Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle, 24 Clark Street, Boston, MA 02109, U.S.A.

Fr Richard Keane

Regional Tribunal Offices, St Finbarr's West, The Lough, Cork

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(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Clergy Student for the Diocese

Deacon Tim Collins, St Patrick's College, Maynooth

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University Hospital, Dooradoyle - Pastoral Care Department

Fr. Seán Harmon Tel. 061-301111 / 482437 / 087-9870284

Fr. Shoji Varghese, Tel. 061-301111 / 482437 / 089-4431922

Fr. Declan Murray, S.J, Tel. 061-301111 / 482437

University Maternity Hospital

Clergy of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

St. Camillus'

Clergy of St. Munchin's /St. Lelia's Parish

St. Nessan's, Croom

Fr. Eamon O'Brien

Tel. 061-397335

St. Paul's Nursing Home

Tel.061-302729

Clergy of St Paul's Parish

Brothers of Charity Services, Bawnmore

Fr. Joseph Young The House of Bernadette, Dooneen, Crecora,

Co Limerick Tel. 061-215901 / 086-0742083. Email. reception@limerickbrothersofcharity.ie

Chaplains

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Fr. Piotr Delimat, Sarsfield Barracks, Lord Edward Street, Limerick.
Tel. 061-314233/087-6381489

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Tel. 061 204700

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Cuan Mhuire, Bruree

Fr. Michael Edoziuno, Bruree, Co. Limerick
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Syro Malabar

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Canon Anthony O'Keeffe. Main Street, Adare, Co. Limerick.
Tel: 087-4163401

Polish Chaplaincy

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Tel. 087-4110997 Email. vincensleo@hotmail.com

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

Fr. Eamon Purcell, Parochial House, Parteen, Co. Clare Tel. 087-7635617

Philipino Community

Fr. Aidan McMahon CSsR Tel. 061-315 099

Brazilian Community

Fr. Con Kenneally CSsR Tel. 061-315 099

Directors

Limerick Social Service Council

Fr. Derek Leonard

Trócaire

Fr. Derek Leonard

Propagation of the Faith and Diocesan Mission

Director for World Missions, Ireland – The Work of the Pontifical Missions Society

Fr Derek Leonard

Ecumenism

Monsignor Daniel Neenan

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

Rev Eamon Purcell

Emigrant Apostolate

Fr. John McCarthy

Lourdes Pilgrimage Director

Fr. Frank O’Dea

Knock Pilgrimage Director

Canon Frank Duhig

Inter-Faith Dialogue

Dr. Patricia Kieran

Third Party Collections

Limerick Social Service Council
(Second last Sunday in January)

19/20 January 2025

Trócaire
(Lent)

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Thursday,
Apr 17, 2025**

Emigrant

Monday, March 17, 2025

Holy Places'
(Good Friday)

Friday, April 18, 2025

Cathedraticum
(Easter Sunday)

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Students
(Vocation Sunday 4th Sunday in Easter)

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Limerick Youth Service
(6th Sunday of Easter)

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Limerick Social Service Council
(2nd Sunday in June)

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Peter's Pence
(1st Sunday of July)

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Propagation of the Faith
(Mission Sunday - 2nd Last Sunday of October)

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Sick / Retired Clergy

6/7 December 2025

Diocesan Needs
(3rd Sunday of every month)

**Diocesan Needs Collection
(3rd Sunday of every month)**

Clergy Retreats and Days of Recollection

Clergy Retreats

Sunday, June 1st (pm) – Thursday, June 5th (Midday) 2025
St. Patrick's College, Thurles.

Sunday, October 12th – Thursday, October 16th 2025
Knock, Co. Mayo. Retreat will be directed by Clergy in Knock

Days of Recollection

Lenten Day of Recollection

Thursday, April 10th 2025
Redemptorist, Mount Saint Alphonsus, Limerick.

Advent Day of Recollection

Date to be confirmed
Redemptorist, Mount Saint Alphonsus, Limerick

Dates for your Diary

Donal Walsh - Annual Live Life Youth Retreat, Pilgrimage to Knock

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Thursday, June 19th, 2025 to Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Wednesday, June 18th to Tuesday, June 24th 2025

Diocesan Clergy Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

Monday, June 23rd (departure) to Friday, June 27th (return) 2025

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, July 12th, 2025

Diocesan Youth Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

Monday, July 28th to Sunday, 3rd August 2025

Clergy Continuing Formation Gatherings

Thursday, 13th February 2025 – 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Wednesday, 28th May 2025 – 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Thursday, 9th October 2025 – 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Monday, 1st December 2025 – 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Clergy Finance meeting with Deloitte

Wednesday, 24th September 2025 – 2.00 pm

CBF AGM

Wednesday, 24th September 2025 – 3.30 pm

Days of Prayer 2025

World Day of Peace Monday, 1 January 2025

Date of World Day of Peace (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day) established by Pope Paul VI in 1968.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Saturday, 18 January 2025

The dating, 18-25 January, was first observed at Graymoor, New York in 1908, an Octave beginning at that time with a feast of St Peter and ending on Conversion of St Paul.

Sunday of the Word of God Sunday, 26 January 2025

*In the apostolic letter *Aperuit illis*, published 30 September 2019, the feast of St Jerome, Pope Francis called for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 'to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.'*

World Day for Consecrated Life Sunday, 2 February 2025

Established by Pope John Paul II and observed on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord since 1997.

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking Saturday, 8 February 2025

This Day was first observed in 2015. The date is the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita, the Sudanese slave who became a Christian and later a religious sister.

World Day of the Sick Tuesday, 11 February 2025

Established on this date, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse/Safeguarding Sunday, 7 - 9th March 2025

Pope Francis approved the establishment of the Worldwide Day for the Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse in September 2016, leaving the date for decision by Bishops' Conference. Two dates have been used: Friday before Lent (which would be 9 February 2024 and first Friday in Lent (which would be 16 February 2024). Friday of First Week of Lent (23 March 2023) has been suggested. Conference (March 2022) decided Friday after Ash Wednesday. Conference (March 2023) decided to omit the word 'sexual,' so that the title reads Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse.

Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, 11 May 2025

The 4th Sunday of Easter is the international date.

Day of Prayer for the Church in China Saturday, 24 May 2025

Pope Benedict XVI expressed the hope in 2007 that this date, the memorial of Our Lady Help of Christians, venerated with great devotion at the Marian shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai, would be a Day of Prayer for the Church in China.

World Communications Day Sunday, 1 June 2025

This Sunday is also the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

World Day of Prayer for Priests Friday, 27 June 2025

This Day was begun by Pope John Paul II in 2002 and is celebrated in many places on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday, 27 July 2025

Pope Francis announced this Day in 2021, to be observed on Sunday closest to the feast of Ss Joachim and Anne (26 July).

Days of Prayer 2026

World Day of Peace, Thursday, 1 January 2026

Date of World Day of Peace (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day) established by Pope Paul VI in 1968.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Sunday, 18 January 2026

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Sunday of the Word of God Sunday, 25 January 2026

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International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking, Sunday, 8 February 2026

This Day was first observed in 2015. The date is the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita, the Sudanese slave who became a Christian and later a religious sister.

World Day of the Sick, Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Established on this date, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse/Safeguarding Sunday, 20-22 February 2026

Pope Francis approved the establishment of the Worldwide Day for the Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse in September 2016, leaving the date for decision by Bishops' Conference. Two dates have been used: Friday before Lent (which would be 9 February 2024 and first Friday in Lent (which would be 16 February 2024). Friday of First Week of Lent (23 March 2023) has been suggested. Conference (March 2022) decided Friday after Ash Wednesday. Conference (March 2023) decided to omit the word 'sexual,' so that the title reads Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse.

Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday, 26 April 2026

The 4th Sunday of Easter is the international date.

Day of Prayer for the Church in China, Sunday, 24 May 2026

Pope Benedict XVI expressed the hope in 2007 that this date, the memorial of Our Lady Help of Christians, venerated with great devotion at the Marian shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai, would be a Day of Prayer for the Church in China.

World Communications Day, Sunday, 17 May 2026

This Sunday is also the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

World Day of Prayer for Priests Friday, 12 June 2026

This Day was begun by Pope John Paul II in 2002 and is celebrated in many places on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday, 26 July 2026

Pope Francis announced this Day in 2021, to be observed on Sunday closest to the feast of Ss Joachim and Anne (26 July).

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Tuesday, 1 September 2026

Pope Francis established this Day in 2015, same date as a similar observance in the Orthodox Church. It is also the beginning of the Season of Creation, ending Sunday 4 October, memorial of St Francis of Assisi.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday, 27 September 2026

Though in recent years observed on the Second Sunday after Epiphany, it is changed to the last Sunday in September, as announced in November 2018.

Mission Sunday, 18 October 2026

The penultimate Sunday of October is the international date.

World Day of the Poor, Sunday, 15 November 2026

*Pope Francis in his apostolic letter *Misericordia et Misera*, marking the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, designated 33rd Sunday of the Year as World Day of the Poor. This would serve as 'the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy.'*

Additional Days for Ireland:

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, 18 January 2026

First observed in 2004 as Catechetical Sunday, later in 2009 called Education in Faith Sunday, then Catholic Education Week and now Catholic Schools Week. (Conference has noted and accepted in recent years that the dates of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Sunday of the Word of God may coincide with Catholic Schools Week.)

Day of Prayer for Temperance, Sunday, 15 February 2026

Observed on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Day of Prayer for Emigrants, Tuesday, 17 March 2026

Traditionally St Patrick's Day is a Special Day of Prayer for Emigrants.

Day for Life Sunday, 21 June 2026

Conference (March 2023) decided that the date should be as in England & Wales – 3rd Sunday in June. The first Sunday of October was the original date agreed with neighbouring Conferences in 2004.

Children's Day of Mission Prayer, Friday, 9 October 2026

Second Friday of October approved by Bishops' Conference in June 2017.

Prisoners' Sunday, 11 October 2026

Prisoners' Sunday is the first day of the week called in recent years Prisoners' Week. 'Restorative Justice' now omitted (Conference decision in March 2021). Neighbouring Conferences have settled with other Churches for 2nd Sunday of October. Conference (March 2023) decided to accept this date.

| Moveable Feasts | 2025 | 2026 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ash Wednesday | March 5, 2025 | February 18, 2026 |
| Good Friday | April 18, 2025 | April 3, 2026 |
| Easter Sunday | April 20, 2025 | April 5, 2026 |
| Ascension | May 29, 2025 | May 14, 2026 |
| Pentecost Sunday | June 8, 2025 | May 24, 2026 |
| Corpus Christi | June 22, 2025 | June 4, 2026 |
| First Sunday in Advent | November 30, 2025 | Nov 29, 2026 |

| Holy Days of Obligation | Date |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Immaculate Conception | 8 December |
| Christmas Day | 25 December |
| Epiphany | 6 January |
| St Patrick | 17 March |
| Assumption of Our Lady | 15 August |
| All Saints | 1 November |

Female - Religious Orders & Congregations

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|---|--|------------|
| Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of Mercy | Avonmore Road, Raheen, Limerick. | 061-229935 |
| Sisters of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle | Kilfinane, Co Limerick. | 061-91025 |
| Sisters of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle | Killmallock, Co. Limerick. | 063-98086 |
| Sisters of Mercy | Catherine McAuley House, Old Dominic Street, Limerick. | 061-315313 |
| Sisters of Mercy | St. Marys, Bishop Street, Limerick. | 061-317356 |
| Sisters of Mercy | Mount St. Vincent, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick. | 061-314965 |
| Sisters of Mercy | Ballinacurra Gardens, Limerick. | 061-314965 |
| Sisters of Mercy | Greenfields, Rosbrien, Limerick. | 061-229773 |
| Sisters of Mercy | Willow Close, Castletroy, Limerick. | 061-337842 |
| Sisters of Mercy | Danesfort, Corbally, Limerick. | |
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| Sisters of Mercy | Mount Vincent Place, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick. | |
| Sisters of Mercy | Galtee Drive, Southill, Limerick. | 061-416706 |
| Sisters of Mercy | St. Clare's, Newcastle West, Co Limerick. | 069-62373 |
| Sisters of Mercy | St. Ita's Housing, Abbeyfeale. Co. Limerick | |

Female - Religious Orders & Congregations

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|---|--|------------|
| Sisters of Mercy | Cuan Mhuire, Bruree, Co. Limerick. | 063-90555 |
| Sisters of Mercy | Gate Lodge, Mount St Vincents, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick. | |
| Franciscan Missionaries of Mary | Castle View Gardens, Clancy Strand, Limerick. | 061-455321 |
| Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd | Shalom, Pennywell, Limerick. | 061-415178 |
| Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd | Omega, Roxboro, Limerick. | 061-416676 |
| Faithful Companions of Jesus | Maryville Residence, Laurel Hill Avenue, Limerick. | 061-416009 |
| Faithful Companions of Jesus | Laurel Hill Court, Limerick. | 061-319916 |
| Little Company of Mary | Milford Convent: Plassey Park Road, Castletroy, Limerick. | 061-338032 |
| Little Company of Mary | St. Joseph's Convent, Plassey Park Rd, Castletroy, Limerick. | 061-331144 |
| Little Company of Mary | Mary Potter Court, Plassey Park Road, Limerick. | 061-331144 |
| Sisters of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | c/o St. Paul's Nursing Home, Dooradoyle, Limerick. | |
| Sisters of Marie Reparatrice | c/o Atlunkard Nursing Home, Corbally, Limerick. | |

Female - Religious Orders & Congregations

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| Poor Servants of the Mother of God | Dún Íosa, Buttevant Road, Drumcollogher, Co. Limerick. | 063-83844 |
| Presentation Sisters | Presentation Convent, Roxboro, Limerick. | 061-417204 |
| Presentation Sisters | McDonagh Avenue, Janesboro, Limerick. | |
| Presentation Sisters | Sexton Street, Limerick, | |
| Presentation Sisters | Parnell House, Parnell Place, Limerick. | |
| Salesian Sisters | Bethel, Larchwood Avenue, Caherdavin, Limerick. | 061-322636 |
| Salesian Sisters | Bracken Cresent, North Circular Road, Limerick. | 061-455132 |
| Salesian Sisters | Dun Ide, Lr Shelbourne Road, Limerick. | 061-454511 |
| Salesian Sisters | Ard Mhuire, Larchwood Avenue, Caherdavin, Limerick. | 061-451322 |
| Salesian Sisters | Cill Leala, Neww Road, Thomdgate, Limerickc. | 061-453099 |
| Salesian Sisters | Sonas, 3 Oakton Road, Westbury, Corbally, Limerick. | 061-348510 |
| Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart | The Park, Castletroy Village, Castletroy, Limerick. | |
| Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart | Mackillop House, Drumcollogher, Co. Limerick. | |

Female - Religious Orders & Congregations

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| Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart | St. Ita's Housing, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. | |
| Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart | St. Catherine's, Bóthar Buí, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick. | |
| Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart | St. Joseph's, Banogue Cross, Banogue, Co. Limerick. | 061-600932 |
| Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart | Ballinena, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick. | |
| Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart | Cycle View Manor, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. | |
| Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia | St. Saviour's Convent, Glenworth Street, Limerick. | 061-311728 |
| Sisters of Francis of Philadelphia | c/o Cuan Mhuire, Bruree, Co. Limerick. | |
| Sisters of Francis of Philadelphia | c/o Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Clancy Strand, Limerick. | |
| Sisters of Mercy, Alma Michigan | Fitzhaven, Ashbourne Avenue, Limerick. | 061-304614 |

Male Religious Orders & Congregations

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| Society of Jesus (Jesuits) | Della Strada, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick. | 061-480920 |
| St. Augustines Priory | O'Connell Street, Limerick. | 061-415374 |
| Salesians | Don Bosco Road, Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick. | |
| Salesians | Salesian House, Milford, Castletroy, Limerick. | 061-330194 |
| Redemptorist Congregation | South Circular Road, Limerick. | 061-315099 |
| Institute of Christ the Sovereign King | The Crescent, Limerick. V94HK29 | 061-480920 |
| Franciscan Friars of the Renewal | Delmege Park, Moyross, Limerick. | 061-458071 |
| Christian Brothers | St. Teresa's, North Circular Road, Limerick. | |
| Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy | | |

Other Churches and Faith Communities

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| Syro Malabar | Fr. Prince Zacharia Maliyil | 089-2070570 |
| Church of Ireland Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe | Right Reverend Michael Burrows, Kilbane House, Golf Links Road, Castletroy, Limerick | 061-333635 |
| Church of Ireland Dean of the Cathedral | Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane, The Deanery, 7 Kilbane, Castletroy, Limerick. | 061-338697 |

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| Methodist and Presbyterian Church | O'Connell Street, Limerick. | 061-325325 |
| Mid-West Inter-Faith Network | Email. citylimerick2014@gmail.com | |
| Hindu - Vinayaka Temple | Limerick | 086-8881905 |
| Bahá'í Gathering | Limerick City | 061-452301 |
| Abundant Life | Abundant Life Christian Church The Life Centre Henry Street Limerick | 061-517444 |
| Quakers | Southville Gardens Ballinacurra Limerick | office@quakers-in-ireland.ie |
| Elevate Community Church | Elevate Community Church, St. Philomena's, South Circular Road, Limerick | 086-8954490 |
| Romanian Orthodox Church | 94 F8DH, Limerick, Ireland | 087 -521358 |
| Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church | St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Mungret, Limerick | 087-7516463 |
| Limerick Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre | Limerick Islamic Cultural Centre Dooradoyle Road Limerick | 061-635151 |

Movements and Communities

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| Blessed Terence Albert O'Brien Chapter of Dominican Laity (Third Order Dominicans) | President: Ms. Stephanie Enright | 087-4101531 |
| Charismatic Renewal | Fr. Damian Ryan | 087-2274412 |
| Emmanuel Community | Ms. Geraldine Creaton | 087-2476685 |
| Eucharistic Adoration | Mrs. Maureen Blackwell | 087-6497382 |
| Knights of St Columbanus | Mr Declan Breen | 061-414173 |
| Maranatha Prayer Ministry | Ms. Maura Hogan | 085- 7338617 |
| Neo-Catechumenal Way | Fr. Nikola Mladineo Mr. Emanuele Chinaglia | 083-4578388 086-2198186 |
| Legion of Mary | Mr. Conor O'Donoghue | 087-9972214 |
| Secular Franciscan Order, Limerick Fraternity | Mr. Bob Ryan | 061-310651/087-2549517 |

Useful contact details

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| ACCORD | Limerick Social Service Council, Henry Street, Limerick | 061-343000 |
| ACCORD | The Parish Centre, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick | 069-61000 |
| Apostolic Work Society | Temperence Hall ,Thomondgate, Limerick | 062-46612 |
| St Joseph's Young Priests' Society | Ms Una Nunan | 061-227852 |
| St Vincent de Paul Society | Ozanam House, Hartstonge Street, Limerick | 061-317327 |
| Catholic Institute Athletic Club | Rosbrien, Limerick | 061-455635 |
| Children's Grief Project | Mount St. Vincent, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick | 061-224 627 |
| Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centre | Bruree, Co. Limerick. | 063-90555 |
| Limerick Youth Service | 5 Lower Glentworth Street, Limerick | 061-412444 |
| Limerick Social Service Council | Henry Street, Limerick | 061-314111 |
| Redemptorist Perpetual Help Fund | Mount Saint Alphonsus, South Circular Road, Limerick | 061-315 099 |

Useful contact details

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| Adapt | Adapt House, Rosbrien, Limerick | 061-412354 |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | Social Service Centre, Henry Street, Limerick | 061-314111 |
| The Limerick Drug & Alcohol Service | Corporate House Mungret Street Limerick | 061-318633 |
| Barnardos Family Support Service | Limerick Regional Office & Islandgate Project St. Mary's National School Bishop Street Limerick | 061-493587 |
| Bedford Row and Family Project | Bedford Row Project, Lower Bedford Row, Limerick | 061- 315332 |
| Blue Box Creative Learning Centre | Blue Box Creative Learning Centre, LEDP, Roxboro Road, Limerick | 061-315070 |
| CARI | Limerick Centre Ennis Road Limerick | 061-582224 |
| Doras | Central Buildings, 51A O'Connell Street, Limerick | 061-609960 |
| Grow Mental Health | 33 Henry Street, Limerick | 086 1526966 |
| Living Links (support to persons bereaved by suicide). | LSSC, Henry Street, Limerick | 061-314111 |

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| Limerick Mental Health Association | 3 Sexton Street, Limerick city | 061-446786 |
| NOVAS | Brother Stephen Russell House 7 St Lawrence's Park Garryowen Co. Limerick | 061-317180 |
| Pieta House Mid-West | Suicide Crisis Centre Ardaulin Mungret Co. Limerick | 061-484444 |

Spiritual Directors

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| Sr. Mary Downey FMA | Caherdavin | 086-3588989 |
| Sr. Phyllis Moynihan RSM | Ballinacurra | 087-9636893 |
| Sr. Catherine Ryan RSM | Rosbrien | 087-4167095 |
| Fr. Joe Hayes SJ | Dooradoyle | 087-4647634 |
| Colm Hogan (Zoom) | Dublin | 086-3011530 |
| Fr. Frank Downes OP | Limerick | 087-2059092 |

Mass times - Saturday

| Time | Parish |
|----------|--|
| 8.30 am | Augustinian Church (O'Connell Street) |
| 10:00 am | Our Lady Help of Christian Church (Milford) St John's Cathedral (Cathedral Place) St Michael's Church (Denmark Street) St Paul's Church (Dooradoyle), Redemptorist (South Circular Road) |
| 10:15 am | Augustinians Church (O'Connell Street) |
| 10:30 am | St Joseph's Parish Church (O'Connell Avenue) |
| 1:00 pm | St Saviour's Church (Glentworth Street) |
| 3:00 pm | Augustinians Church (O'Connell Street) |
| 5:00 pm | Corpus Christi Church (Moyross), St Mary's Church (Athlunkard Street) St Paul's Church (Dooradoyle) |
| 5.30 pm | Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (Roxborough Road) |
| 6:00 pm | St John's Cathedral Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church (Childers Road) St Brigid's Church (Singland) St Munchin's Church (Clancy's Strand) Our Lady of the Rosary Church (Ennis Road), St Nessian Church (Raheen) |
| 6:30 pm | Christ the King Church (Caherdavin) |
| 7:00 pm | St Mary Magdalene's Church (Monaleen), St Lelia's Church Holy Family Church (Southhill), St Michael's Church (Denmark Street) - Polish Mass |
| 7.15 pm | Redemptorist Church (South Circular Road) |
| 7:30 pm | Our Lady Help of Christians Church (Milford) |

Mass times - Sunday

| Time | Parish |
|------------|---|
| 8:00 am | St John's Cathedral (Cathedral Place), Redemptorist Church (South Circular Road) |
| 9:00 am | Augustinian Church (O'Connell Street), Our Lady Help of Christian Parish (Milford) |
| 10:00 am | St Mary Magdalene's Church (Monaleen) St Michael's Church (Denmark Street) St Nicholas Church (Westbury) Our Lady of the Rosary Church (Ennis Road) Ss Peter and Paul Church (Crecora) St Paul's Church (Dooradoyle) |
| 10:15 am | St. Camillus' Hospital Chapel |
| 10:30 am | Our Lady Help of Christian Parish (Milford) St John's Cathedral (Cathedral Place) St Joseph's Church (O'Connell Avenue) St Patrick's (Dublin Road) - Summertime St Lelia's Church (Kileely Road) Christ the King Church (Caherdavin) St Saviour's Church (Glentworth Street) - Irish Mass |
| 11:00 am | Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (Roxborough Road), St Nessian Church (Raheen), Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Childers Road) |
| 11:15 am | Augustinian Church (O'Connell Street), Corpus Christi Church (Moyross), |
| 11:30 am | St Mary Magdalene's Church (Monaleen), St Mary's Church (Athlunkard Street), Our Lady of the Rosary Church (Ennis Road), St Oliver Plunkett Church (Mungret), St Munchin's Church (Clancy's Strand) St Michael's Church (Polish Mass), St Brigid's Church (Singland) |
| 12:00 noon | Our Lady Help of Christians Church (Milford), St John's Cathedral (Cathedral Place), Holy Family Church (Southhill), St Paul's Church (Dooradoyle) Christ the King Church (Caherdavin), Redemptorist Church (South Circular Road) |

Mass times - Sunday

| Time | Parish |
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| 12:30 pm | St Joseph's Church (O'Connell Avenue), St Nessian Church (Raheen) St Patrick's Church (Dublin Road) |
| 1:00 pm | St Saviour's Church (Glentworth Street) |
| 4.30 pm | St Michael's Church (Denmark Street) |
| 7: 15 pm | Redemptorist Church (South Circular Road) |
| 7:30 pm | Augustinian Church (O'Connell Street) Our Lady Help of Christians Church (Milford) -Except in July or August |

Mass times - Weekdays

| Time | Parish |
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| 7: 30 am | Augustinian Church (O'Connell Street) |
| 8:00 am | Redemptorist Church (South Circular Road) |
| 8.30 am | Augustinians (O'Connell Street) |
| 9:15 am | Ss Peter and Paul Church (Crecora) Tuesday & Thursday |
| 9:30 am | Holy Family Church (Southill) - except Friday St Munchin's Church (Clancy's Strand) - except Thursday St Oliver Plunkett Church (Mungret) Wednesdays Corpust Christi Church (Moyross) |
| 9:45 am | St Mary Magdalene's Church (Monaleen)- Except on Monday St Patrick's Church (Dublin Road) Thursdays St Brigid's Church (Singland) Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday |

Mass times - Weekdays

| Time | Parish |
|----------|--|
| 10:00 am | Our Lady Help of Christians Church (Milford) St John's Cathedral (Cathedral Place) St Michael's Church (Denmark Street) Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Childers Road) Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (Roxborough Road) - Except Wednesday St Mary's Church (Athlunkard Street) Christ the King Church (Caherdavin) - Except Eve of Holy Days or Bank Holidays St John's Church (Cratloe) - Except Tuesday Our Lady of the Rosary Church (Ennis Road) St Nessar's Church (Raheen) St Paul's Church (Dooradoyle) Redemptorist Church (South Circular Road) |
| 10:15 am | Augustinian Church (O'Connell Street) St Lelia's Church (Kileely Road) - except Monday (First Friday 9:15am) |
| 10:30 am | St Joseph's Parish (O'Connell Avenue) |
| 11:00 am | St. Camillus' Hospital Chapel - only Wednesday |
| 1:00 pm | St Saviour's Church (Glentworth Street) |
| 4:00 pm | Augustinian Church (O'Connell Street) |
| 5:45 pm | St John's Cathedral (Cathedral Place) |
| 7:15 pm | Redemptorist Church (South Circular Road) |
| 7:30 pm | St Michael's Church (Denmark Street) - Polish Mass |



Anniversaries of Priests deceased since 1960

January

Archdeacon Patrick Lyons
Canon Gerard Wall
Fr. Gerard McNamara
Fr. Joseph Leonard
Fr. John Irwin
Fr. Michael Kennedy
Fr. Seán Murphy
Fr. Charles Moriarty
Canon Michael Minahan
Rev James Noonan
Dean Michael Kelly
Fr. John Casey
Fr. William Creed
Canon Denis Kelly

1st January 1999
4th January 2003
3rd January 2019
7th January 1973
8th January 2002
9th January 1983
10th January 1998
12th January 1965
18th January 1984
19th January 2016
17th January 2014
24th January 1966
29th January 1980
31st January 1964

February

Fr. Sean Sweeney, S.C.A.
Canon Martin O'Grady
Fr. Leslie McNamara
Canon Timothy Lyons
Canon David MacNamee
Canon Maurice J. Walsh
Canon Robert Donworth
Archdeacon Michael Ryan
Fr. Martin O'Donnell

2nd February 2008
3rd February 1976
5th February 2021
18th February 1999
19th February 2013
22nd February 2007
23rd February 1963
23rd February 1981
25th February 1986

March

Fr. John Burke
Canon John Liston
Fr. Tom O'Connor SMA
Canon James Cowper
Fr. Ronald Costello
Fr. John Halpin
Fr. Terence Bermingham
Fr. Anthony Elliot
Bishop Eamonn Casey
Fr. Daniel Costello
Fr. John Doran
Archdeacon Hugh O'Connor
Fr. John White
Canon Michael Doody
Fr. William O'Connell
Canon John Kennedy
Fr. Michael Lane

2nd March 1989
2nd March 1999
3rd March 1986
4th March 1979
4th March 2004
6th March 1982
9th March 1998
10th March 2000
13th March 2017
20th March 1973
21st March 1995
25th March 1972
25th March 1974
25th March 1982
26th March 1971
28th March 1985
31st March 2015

April

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| Fr. Patrick McMahon | 3rd April 1994 |
| +Bishop Jeremiah Newman | 3rd April 1995 |
| Fr. David Kennedy | 5th April 2022 |
| Canon James Culhane | 6th April 1991 |
| Fr. Joseph Shinnors | 7th April 1997 |
| Fr. Thomas Grealay SPS | 8th April 2011 |
| Dean Edmond Punch | 9th April 1979 |
| Fr. Senan Murray | 10th April 2012 |
| Archdeacon Frederick Rice | 12th April 1970 |
| Fr. Leo McDonnell | 12 th April 2025 |
| Fr. John Connors | 13th April 1984 |
| Fr. Gerard Ryan | 21st April 1984 |
| Monsignor Michael Tynan | 24th April 1998 |
| Fr. Cornelius Collins | 24th April 2013 |
| Fr. Peadar De Búrca | 24th April 2018 |
| Fr James Gilligan | 26th April 1990 |
| Canon James Kelly | 27th April 1976 |
| Fr. Sean McCarthy | 28th April 1983 |
| Fr. William Walsh | 28th April 2024 |

May

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| Canon David Houlihan | 2nd May 1993 |
| Fr. Frank Moriarty | 2nd May 2022 |
| Fr. Michael J. Neville | 9th May 2001 |
| Canon Patrick Lynch | 4th May 1964 |
| Fr. Thomas O'Donnell | 6th May 1987 |
| Fr. Michael Walsh | 7th May 2002 |
| Canon Edmond O' Dea | 12th May 2002 |
| Fr. John O'Donnell | 16th May 1962 |
| Canon Edward Looby | 27th May 1995 |
| Fr. Charles O'Neill | 29th May 2022 |

June

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| Archdeacon Joseph Carroll | 1st June 1964 |
| Canon Patrick O'Dea | 2nd June 1990 |
| Fr. Patrick Lyons | 11th June 1962 |
| Fr. John Godfrey | 11th June 1977 |
| Canon Daniel Martin | 14th June 1961 |
| Dean Thomas Costello | 17th June 1996 |
| Canon William O'Grady | 24th June 1974 |
| Archdeacon Denis O'Brien | 27th June 1962 |

July

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| Fr. James Galvin | 1st July 1986 |
| Fr. Michael Culhane | 3rd July 2009 |
| Dean Cornelius Mulcahy | 6th July 1961 |
| Fr Jack Fitzgerald | 8th July 2023 |
| Fr Joseph Kennedy | 10th July 2024 |
| Dean Daniel O'Brien | 15th July 1985 |
| Fr. Michael Egan | 19th July 2000 |
| Fr Joseph O'Beirne | 20th July 1987 |
| Canon Michael Quinn | 28th July 1972 |
| Canon James Neville | 29th July 2018 |

August

Canon Frank O'Connor
Canon Joseph Moran
Fr. Patrick J. O'Callaghan
Fr. John Fitzgibbon
Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Fr. Richard Crowe
Fr. Dermot McCarthy
Canon David Rea
Fr. Patrick Howard
Fr. Patrick Costelloe
Canon Thomas Kirby
Fr. Joseph Foley
Canon Edmond Houlihan
Fr. William O'Gorman
Fr. Daniel F. Murphy
Canon Philip Enright
Fr. Michael Frawley

1st August 2024
6th August 1986
6th August 1981
7th August 1978
8th August 1978
9th August 2020
10th August 1993
12th August 1983
12th August 2022
16th August 2022
19th August 1985
20th August 2021
23rd August 2006
23rd August 2014
24th August 1990
28th August 1969
31st August 1992

September

Fr. Michael Kelly
Fr. Daniel O'Keefe
Archdeacon Timothy Greene
Fr. John Carroll
Fr. Denis J. Daly
Fr. Antóin Ó Tuathaigh
Canon Michael Purtill
Fr. Patrick Houlihan
Canon Edmond Condon
Fr. Joseph Guiry
Fr. Sean Griffin
Canon Michael Quinlan
Fr. Michael McCarthy
Canon Robert O'Sullivan

5th September 1988
6th September 1979
9th September 2009
10th September 1969
12th September 1987
17th September 2018
20th September 1975
20th September 1985
23rd September 1973
23rd September 1983
24th September 1981
28th September 1966
29th September 1971
30th September 1965

October

Fr. John Brassil
Fr. Edmond McCarthy
Patrick O'Regan
Fr. John McCarthy
Canon Joseph Dempsey
+ Bishop Henry Murphy
Fr. Joseph Noonan
Fr. Brendan Murphy
Canon David Wall
Fr. Patrick Donovan
+ Bishop Donal Murray
Fr. Thomas Lane
Fr. David Browne
Archdeacon James Sadlier
Archdeacon Michael Manning
Fr. Tim O'Connor
Monsignor Michael Moloney
Canon Gerard Enright
Fr. Patrick Finn
Canon John Sheehy
Fr. Harry Beegan

1st October 1965
3rd October 1964
3rd October 1985
4th October 1979
4th October 2014
8th October 1973
8th October 2022
11th October 2020
13th October 1984
13th October 1994
13th October 2024
16th October 2013
17th October 2011
19th October 1992
19th October 1996
22nd October 2023
23rd October 1964
23rd October 1990
25th October 1962
30th October 2004
31st October 1996

November

Fr. Fred McDonnell
Fr. Maurice Crowley
Canon Michael O'Connor
Canon David Crowley
Monsignor Michael Hannan
Fr. Seamus Power
Fr. Timothy Culhane
Monsignor Daniel Gallagher
Fr. Tom Hurley
Fr. Cornelius O'Sullivan
Fr. Maurice Kerin
Canon Michael Breen
Fr. Stephen O'Dea
Fr. James O'Byrne
Canon Eamon Dillane

1st November 2013
2nd November 1976
9th November 2000
7th November 1998
12th November 1964
15th November 2022
16th November 1983
16th November 1991
20th November 2024
21st November 1963
21st November 1998
24th November 1979
24th November 1968
25th November 1967
26th November 1998

December

Fr. PJ O'Donnell
Monsignor Patrick J. Lee
Mons Liam Boyle
Fr. David Fitzgerald
Fr. John Ryan
Fr. Michael Daly
Canon Patrick Kelly
Canon John Browne
Canon Denis Browne
Fr. William Doolan
Fr. Joseph Downey
Monsignor Samuel Winters
Fr. James Lyons
Canon Thomas Cussen
Canon Timothy Murphy
Fr. Michael Connolly
Fr. Gerard MacNamee
Fr. Michael Irwin SAC
Canon James Bluett
Canon Brendan Connellan
Fr. Gerard Griffin
Fr. Terence O' Brien
Fr. Liam Kelly

3rd December 2016
7th December 1983
2nd December 2021
2nd December 1963
2nd December 1997
8th December 2016
8th December 2024
9th December 1990
11th December 2013
13th December 2009
14th December 1997
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22nd December 1961
22nd December 1962
22nd December 1988
22nd December 2022
29th December 1974
29th December 2009
30th December 1987
31st December 2005
31st December 2018



May They Rest in Peace

Requiem Mass of Most Reverend Donal Murray

Date of Death: 13th October 2024

Homily delivered by Bishop Brendan Leahy



“In the evening of life I shall appear before you with empty hands, for I am not asking you, Lord, to count my works.” These words from St. Therese of Lisieux greatly appealed to Bishop Donal Murray. Not just because he grew up in Dublin in the loving embrace of his family in a parish dedicated to this wonderful French saint, nor because of his many happy moments spent meeting fellow pilgrims in the Little Flower cafeteria in Lourdes, but because they quite simply expressed a profound conviction of his heart: Our life is born in the wonder of God’s love, it moves forward enveloped by his mercy and grace, and it reaches its goal guided and accompanied in hope by the Lord of History.

Our part, and this is something we remember at every Mass, is to offer ourselves with Christ in order to be transformed by Him. Our part is to acknowledge that our hands are indeed empty and that it is not so much we who do Christ’s work but rather we let Christ do his work in us.

We cannot deny that there were works a plenty to be detected in Bishop Donal’s life, endowed as he was with a brilliant intellect, keen speculative powers and attentiveness to the needy. We have already heard of those works at the beginning of today’s liturgy. What mattered most for Bishop Donal, however, was to live and help others live the wonder of being a Christian with the vision of hope that it offers. Indeed, we could say that his ability to wonder, to think, to ask deep questions and to speculate made of him something of a contemplative in action. Though acknowledging the ambiguity in all our achievements and progress, nevertheless he relished the developments and opportunities in technology, science and social progress. He enjoyed technical gadgets! He liked to hear of progress in science. But deep in his soul echoed a line from psalm 8 that is a song of praise to God for creation and the wonder of our human dignity: “When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them little less than God, and crowned them with glory and honour”. That wonder was a hallmark of Bishop Donal’s life.

The dignity and wonder of what it is to be human was a constant theme in his thought and words. The glory of God is the human being fully alive was a phrase he often repeated. He encouraged us to ask the deeper questions about what it means to be human and what that then means for our approach to education, to ethics and to the environment. Highlighting the wonder that resides in the heart of every human being, he often repeated to me his conviction that deep down we are always on the look-out for those sparks of truth and love that, when found, make us cry out: “yes, that’s it, that’s what’s what I’ve been born for: truth and love”. It comes as no surprise that his episcopal motto was “veritas in caritate”, truth in love, the motto also of St. Munchin’s Diocesan College of which he was rightly proud.

It was with a sense of wonder and hope that Bishop Donal saw potential in those around him. Many past students speak fondly of how they were encouraged by him. Priests found in him a caring father figure. The Religious of the Diocese and the Diocesan staff found in him a kindly presence. The pilgrims on the Lourdes pilgrimage enjoyed getting to know the humour and simplicity and creativity of their Bishop that at first glance was somewhat reserved in character.

Bishop Donal liked to quote Pope John Paul II's comment in Limerick: 'there is no such thing as an "ordinary layperson"... Every lay Christian is therefore an extraordinary work of God's grace'. This was a profound passion that guided his pastoral ministry both in the Archdiocese of Dublin and here in the Diocese of Limerick. His vision was that of the Second Reading from which he took his episcopal motto: "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Eph 4: 15-16).

We heard at the beginning of the Mass the words that formed the title of Bishop Donal's last book: *What are we waiting for?* I think they are a reminder to us of what in recent years Bishop Donal, this contemplative-in-action, was concentrating his mind on - the journey to the next life. Yes, though his mind and body began to become frail, all too frail, he often repeated to me the Gospel we've just read (Jn 14:7). In particular, Jesus' promise, "I will go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." It was as if in his interior dialogue with Jesus, these words had become stamped on his soul. Rhetorically, he would ask me: "I wonder do people think about this promise... So often we think getting to heaven is all our work, our achievement and that when we get to the pearly gates, we'll be telling God all we did. We think we'll be presenting God with our sack of works and achievements. But God will say: "who are you kidding; I have given you all you have; I created you".

Bishop Donal really believed that in death it is Christ who comes to take us with him. He has promised he will prepare a place for us. And so, Bishop Donal would say to me: "When we meet God, we won't be listing all we did for God but rather we'll be discovering all God has done for us in our life and we'll enter into that place for which we've always longed, the life of the Trinity, heaven". And then with his great wry sense of humour, he'd say to me: "you know, it would make a great title for a film: you ain't seen nothing yet!".

If wonder at creation, wonder at life's marvels and wonder at human dignity were so much a part of Bishop Donal's life, he didn't lose sight of the goal. And this was the source of his humble spirit. We are not in charge of life. God is. This world is not the final goal. The next life is. We are limited sinners. And God is all-powerful Mercy. One day, when his mind was declining, as we began to celebrate Mass together, keeping my words as simple and as essential as possible, I said: "let us call to mind our sins". He looked at me and with the simplicity of a child but with the humour of an ageing humble man, he said, "in that case, we'll be here all day!".

Knowing that a Bishop is meant to be a person who seeks to lead and inspire all the people of a diocese in living as a community united in the truth and love of Christ, Bishop Murray knew that, although he had promoted best practice procedures for safeguarding children in the Diocese of Limerick, once his presence would create difficulties for survivors of abuse, he wanted to assist in every way that he could. He realised that to remain on would create difficulties for some of the survivors who must have, as he put it, the "first place in our thoughts and prayers". And so he tendered his resignation, reiterating his apologies for past failures.

Let me conclude on a personal note. I remember very fondly the day in 1982 when Bishop Donal was ordained a Bishop in St. Andrew's Church on Westland Row in Dublin. I was then a young seminarian in Clonliffe College and we were so in awe that one of the priests of the College was to be ordained a Bishop. It was wonderful moving occasion on a beautiful sunny day. Little could any of us have imagined how much the world and the Church would change over the years. In recent years Bishop Donal liked to tell me what was going through his mind as he was walking in the entrance procession on the way into the ceremony. The thought occurred to him, "this is my last chance to make a run for it!". He didn't run for it that day, but he did go on to run the race of faith, in good times and in bad, right to the day of his death.

Little could I have imagined I would one day be a successor to Bishop Donal. His unassuming gentle presence was a gift for me. He was always re-assuring, encouraging and a fatherly figure of wisdom, offering insights and perspectives from the deep well of his soul. Always present but never interfering, always inspiring never dispiriting. When in recent years it fell to me, along with others such as Jackie Hanley, his wonderful devoted housekeeper for whom he had such a great regard, and Catherine Kelly our Diocesan Secretary, to care more closely for him as his mind and body declined, I often wondered what must have been going on in his soul. Recently I came across words written by Pope Benedict that Bishop Donal quoted that offer us, I think, a glimpse within him during the final years of declining health. The quote says that Jesus "walks with me even on the path of final solitude, where no one can accompany me... He himself has walked this path, and He has returned to accompany us now and to give us the certainty that, together with Him, we can find a way through."

Bishop Donal, you have now walked that path, not without its crosses. You entrusted yourself to the maternal care of Our Lady who you so greatly loved. Our hope is that in God's mercy, you who so often contemplated the question of the apostle Thomas, "how can we know the way?" have found the way through, and that in your encounter with the Lord, as you stretched your empty hands, you've heard the Lord say: "Donal, I have come. I have indeed prepared a place for you, I have come now to take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. Well done, good and faithful servant, enter now into the joy of the Lord".



Biography of Bishop Donal Murray 1940-2024

Born in Dublin in 1940 and educated at St Thérèse National School, Mount Merrion, Blackrock College and UCD, Donal Murray studied for the priesthood at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and was ordained in 1966. Following completion of a Doctorate in Theology at the University of St Thomas, Rome, he lectured in the Mater Dei Institute of Education, becoming Professor of Moral Theology at Clonliffe College in 1970. He also lectured in catechetics and medical ethics in UCD until 1982 when he was appointed auxiliary Bishop of Dublin at the age of forty-one. He was then the youngest member of the Irish hierarchy. Installed as Bishop of Limerick on 24 March 1996, he was the first priest from outside the diocese to assume the role in two hundred years.

Endowed with a brilliant intellect, Bishop Murray published fine works in the areas of theology, ethics and social issues. In Limerick, he is remembered for many aspects of his ministry. We cannot but think, for instance, of the renovation he undertook of the beautiful St. John's Cathedral. We are grateful for his tireless ministry in establishing a listening process in the Diocese, setting up a diocesan council and promoting various lay ministries, not least in the area of youth ministry. We recall his enthusiastic church preparations prior to the Millennium. Bishop Donal also co-founded the St. Senan's Education Office located in the Limerick Diocesan Centre and a Federation for Second level schools. His years as Bishop of Limerick also saw him busy as Chair of Mary Immaculate College and St. John's Hospital. Bishop Donal invited into the Diocese the Franciscan Friars of Renewal who quickly became known as the Moyross Monks. And we cannot forget to mention his great ability as a composer of lyrics – whether it be sacred Marian hymns or simple entertaining songs creatively composed for the sing-song concert during the Lourdes pilgrimage.

Bishop Donal Murray engaged in social outreach and advocacy, for instance, in speaking up for the tourism and business of the region in the face of a decision to abandon the Shannon-Heathrow link as well as his support for and contribution to initiatives such as that of the LEDP, that celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2024 and his involvement with the Limerick Social Services. Other works too come to mind, such as his courageous supportive visit with Trócaire to Rwanda at a very dangerous time.

Bishop Donal was very mindful of the rapid changes in culture, society and Church and the need to rebuild the community of faith for new times. He addressed these questions in two significant pastorals, *We are God's Temple* and *How can we Know the Way?* Striving as always to keep hope alive, he wrote, 'none of the previous generations of Christians in Limerick would ever have looked on the challenge of passing on the message of Jesus as a lost cause; none of them saw their many difficulties as signs of inevitable decline. They saw their moment in history, and we should see ours, as "time to build up" (Eccles 3:3)'. Through the listening process he launched, as well as his pastoral councils and pastoral visits, Bishop Donal desired that lay people would appreciate to the full the dignity and the vocation that is theirs as lay people. In this he was an ardent promoter of the vision provided by the Second Vatican Council.

Bishop Donal's building up of the Church was not just limited to the Diocese of Limerick or the Archdiocese of Dublin. He was appointed by Saint Pope John Paul II a member of the Vatican's Council for Culture and his contribution was greatly appreciated, particularly his analysis of contemporary cultural trends and the growing secularisation in Europe. As Archbishop Eamon Martin, President of the Irish Bishops Conference has noted, Bishop Murray was fascinated in reflecting on the interface and overlap between faith and culture; between the sacred and the secular. Speaking to the Céifin Conference in 2007, he remarked: "The secular is the world in which faith is lived. If believers do not reflect and pray and understand what the Gospel has to say to all the complex dimensions of that world, and act on that reflection, they cooperate in confining God and silencing the big questions."

As a member of the Irish Bishops Conference Bishop Murray contributed more than we will probably ever fully realise to the Church in Ireland through his thoughtful insights, writing of documents and clear-headed analysis. His advice and opinion were highly valued. He served as advisor to the Irish representatives at the World Synod of Bishops 1977. He attended the European Synod of Bishops in Rome in Autumn 1999 on behalf of the Irish hierarchy. He was a member for many years of the Irish Bishops Standing Committee, as well as being a member of four episcopal commissions of the Irish Bishops Conference. He was Chair of the Bishops' Department of Catholic Education and Formation. He was a significant presence in the joint Commission for Bio-Ethical Issues for the Bishops' Conferences of Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland.

And his commitment to ecumenism can be seen not only in warm ecumenical relationships here in Limerick and throughout Ireland, but also in his membership of the Joint Working Group between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches.

Of course, Bishop Donal also knew how to relax. He valued friendship, had a good sense of humour and enjoyed sport. We think of his close Dublin Archdiocesan friends Frs. Teddy Downes, Cormac McIlraith, Paddy Littleton and Bill Fortune with whom he holidayed or played golf and other priests from the Dublin Archdiocese whom he esteemed. Of course, he greatly esteemed his colleagues from student days in Maynooth and elsewhere. He taught many lay and religious order students and he enjoyed meeting them over the years on various occasions. The Limerick Diocesan Staff always found in Bishop Donal a gracious and inspiring presence. There are many priests who were ordained by him who recall his personal warmth, encouragement and wise words. He treasured the supportive friendship he experienced with members of religious orders and congregations as well as associations and movements. He enjoyed, in particular, the company of his Bishop colleagues of the Episcopal Conference and priests of the Diocese of Limerick who welcomed him warmly among them. In retirement he enjoyed a weekly game of cards with priests of the Diocese.

Bishop Donal's last book bore the title *What are we waiting for?* On the one hand, these were words through which he wanted to appeal to the Irish of today, in imitation of the missionaries of the past, to take up the calling to become missionary disciples, not wilting in passive paralysis, waiting for some external permission to take initiative, but rather following the push of the Holy Spirit to go forth in mission in one's family life, in education, in social justice, in politics, in media, in the world of the arts and culture...

But the words *What are we waiting for?* were also a clue to what Bishop Donal was concentrating his mind on especially in his final years – the journey to the next life.

Funeral Mass of Fr William Walsh

Date of Death: 28th April 2024

Homily delivered by Canon Tom Carroll



Today we say farewell to Willie; Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, neighbour and friend. Our lives are a web of relationships. At the centre of this web is our family, our sanctuary, our fortress. Within this fortress we are prepared for life, the first and foremost University. At 9.30 am on the 8th October 1960 the life of the Walsh family in Kilmeedy changed forever, their father died suddenly. Their mother immediately went to fetch the priest and doctor and Willie being the eldest of the seven children collected all his siblings and brought them to their father's bedroom, where they knelt and through his tears he led them in the rosary.

His sense of family grew into a strong community ethic in all the different roles he assumed, he endeavored to create community. His priesthood was modelled on the life of Jesus who came to gather the scattered children of Israel. He was unselfish in his dedication to the work of the Limerick Social Service Centre. He had a keen sensitivity to the people who struggled on the margins of society.

I often observed the lights that were on in the Social Service Centre at 10 pm at night. He was very astute in his management of the resources at his disposal to that he got the optimum benefit for the people most in need. He would have made a good Minister for Finance; they would not be splashing the cash. He was meticulous in his stewardship of the Social Service Centre, arriving on the 2nd January each year to Mike Keogh the accountant to get the financial affairs in order.

As Army Chaplain he was respected and admired for his support to his colleagues in the forces. We teased him about his big Army pension and there was a suggestion of deafness money as well. But no matter what kind of curve ball we threw at him he always left it off the receiver, it was hard to rise him. Willie's brother-in-law Kevin served with the U.N. and he visited him and his sister Geraldine in exotic places like, Lesotho, Nepal, India, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Rome. When serving in Lebanon with the army he assisted the Holy Land and Jerusalem, he was a keen scripture scholar.

He was a talented athlete, and he excelled in many sports. Hurling with Kilmeedy winning several West Junior Championships he also won a county senior football championship with Croom. He played rugby with Galbally and we reminded him he was promoting foreign games. He was a great soccer goalkeeper for Limerick students in Maynooth. The tactic was to make the opposition shoot from four out and Willie would save it.

Unfortunately, he suffered poor health for a long period before his death, he was stoic in dealing with his illness. His family kept long vigils with him, and they helped him to bear the burden of his illness Sr. Ann and Fr. Mike were steadfast friends as we mourn his passing our grief is heartfelt, having a confidante like Willie was a blessing. Our grief is short through by our faith in God, the context of our farewell is the mass in the mass we reclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus. Peculiar you might say proclaiming death, the grim reaper that comes to rob us of a loved one, but the death of Jesus was God's sign of how much he loves us.

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St Paul puts it well when he says, what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners, but he rose from the dead and our desire of being together is not frustrated by death. Our lives then are a journey into the community of the Trinity. We prepare for that entry by taking care of each other.

While a gentle giant cared for people, and he is now fit to take his place at the table of the heavenly banquet.



Funeral Mass of Fr Joseph Kennedy

Date of Death: 10th April 2024

Homily delivered by Bishop Brendan Leahy

At a funeral Mass we do three things - pray for the dead, console the bereaved and set the compass again in our own lives. Today it's made a little easier for us because Fr. Joe, ever organised and in charge, left clear instructions what we were to do - from the arrangements in the Church to where the meal was to be afterwards and details about the headstone. And even a suggestion or two of what the Bishop might say in his homily!

We pray for the dead. It would be the first thing Fr. Joe would want of us. He was a man of devotion and prayer, dedicated to priestly ministry, with a great love for our Lady.

His journey to priesthood wasn't smooth. Ill health disturbed that journey, but he persevered and was ordained in 1965. Totally dedicated to his priestly mission, he served faithfully in St Munchin's College, 1965 - 1980, then as a curate in Abbeyfeale parish from 1980-86, becoming parish priest of Ardpark parish from 1986 - 98, and Croom parish from 1998 - 2014, before retiring to Kilmallock where he continued to help out in the parishes around there and in the Cuan Mhuire Centre. Ministry brings a priest into contact with many people. His ministry bore much fruit. And yet, if it is true for everyone, as St. Paul says, that the life and death of each of us has its influence on others, then it is especially true for priests who are conscious of the greatness of the calling but also of the challenges and their own limits. That's why Fr. Joe would want us to pray for him. He referred to himself as "tough but fair". His "yes" was "yes" and his "no" was "no". But he also knew that at times he didn't always get it right. An earwiggling that went too far or a reprimand that was overdone. In life, however, Fr. Joe knew how to ask for forgiveness of God and others, trusting in mercy. That is a great virtue. He would want us on this funeral day to pray for him, trusting in God's mercy and Mary's compassionate welcome of him into heaven.

The second thing we do at the funeral is offer our condolences and console Fr. Joe's family. He is survived by a large family of nephews, nieces, grandnieces, grandnephews, his sister-in-law, Joan as well as the wider family and a large circle of friends. We offer them our condolences. I was delighted recently to look through the album of photos that was put together to mark Fr. Joe's Golden Anniversary. It was lovely to see him there in the company of his family that was so important to him. He was very faithful to keeping in contact with his family. He enjoyed their company, the conversations, the good food offered at celebrations. It was striking to see the great support given to Fr. Joe by his family. In his final days, you arranged rotas and kept watch with him, being present and praying with him. No doubt, from heaven, he will now do his part to continue his support and care of you.

Fr. Joe dearly loved and never forgot his roots in Clogh, Rathkeale, the fields and roads around his home place. He would walk those fields reliving the memories of his beloved parents Joe and Mary and his family and neighbours. We know he was clear he wanted to go to the Nursing Home care the facility in Croagh because it is built on land own by his mother's family!

Fr. Joe's family can take consolation from knowing how much people of the parishes of Limerick Diocese where he served appreciated Fr. Joe's service as a priest. He was indeed a faithful servant. Following the Lord as his Shepherd in whom he placed his trust, Fr. Joe loved being a priest and lived it to the best of his ability, day by day. He made his own the ever-changing times and seasons of being a priest (1965 when he was ordained was a very different world) responding in his life to the Lord's words "Whoever serves me (that is Jesus present in people) must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour." In his service, he was creative in how he approached liturgy and novenas. He is remembered for his love of liturgical music and leading the singing in Church. He encouraged pilgrimages. He cherished the Irish language. He set up the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council in Newcastle West and was involved in the Catholic Housing Aid Society, helping people to get their first home. He very much enjoyed his task of speaking with newly married couples. In all of this he kept alive his great devotion to Our Lady.

On this day of his funeral Mass, Fr. Joe would clearly want us also to recall how much he treasured and cultivated priestly friendships. He enjoyed the card games and priestly fraternity. It is a tribute to him to see so many of the clergy gathered here today as well as Bishop John Fleming.

The third and final element of our gathering at this funeral Mass is to set the compass again in our lives. Fr. Joe would want us to do this! I would like to suggest in the light of Father Joe's life three points of how to set the compass of our lives.

First, be faithful to nurturing faith, prayer and devotion to Our Lady. Any time I called to visit Fr. Joe, he seemed to be watching religious programmes on Television! He nurtured faith, said his breviary, prayed the Rosary. Yes, faith cannot be taken for granted. We have to nurture it.

The *second* thing that comes to mind today is an invitation to us to recognise, as the Gospel today puts it, that our lives can be like the seed that dies to bear fruit. We're not masters of our own destiny. It's something Fr. Joe recognised from earliest times when he suffered illness on his journey to priesthood and in the pastoral changes that he experienced over his years in ministry. We have to die to ourselves in serving others, handing over to God's plans, at times mysterious and hard for us to recognise, but God is always faithful.

The *third* point is to trust in God's mercy. Yes, as the Second Reading puts it, we shall all have to stand before the Judgement seat of God. We are conscious, all of us, of limits and failings. But trusting in God's mercy, as Fr. Joe did, is something we all need. Trusting in mercy provides us with the great chance in life to always begin again, to love and to promote peace, to plant seeds of hope, to build others up, to heal and to laugh. Yes, in God's mercy, God can make everything in our lives beautiful in its time.

Fr. Joe, we thank you for your company and your ministry, your faith and your service. Ar dheis Dé go raibh d'ainm.



Funeral Mass of Fr Frank O'Connor

Date of Death: 1st August 2024

Homily delivered by Canon Anthony Mullins

I find it hard to believe, as I am sure all of you do, that we are here today, celebrating this Funeral Liturgy for Frank O'Connor. Some here have known Frank all your lives. Many of you are neighbours from Landsdowne who grew up with Frank. Others who are here were in school with Frank or are his former colleagues and past pupils from St Munchin's College. Many of us he met along the way during his 71 years of life.

I first met Frank way back in 1977, when I entered Maynooth College. In the past few days, I have been recalling many memories of our time there.

One memory that came to mind was of a visit we made to St Munchin's College. All the students who were studying for the diocese of Limerick, were asked to come down to St Munchin's for a weekend, to promote vocations to the priesthood. The idea was that we would visit all the Leaving Cert Classes and speak to the students about vocations to the diocesan priesthood. I had never been involved in this kind of work before, or indeed public speaking, so I asked Frank would he give me a hand in preparing my talk to the Leaving cert students. Frank said, "no problem, sure we can work it out on the train to Limerick".

So we got on the train and worked on our presentation and when we were finished, I was still uncomfortable about the task ahead, so I mentioned my unease to Frank. Frank said, *"do you know what we will do, we will split the talk between us, we will do a half each, just like they do in RTE."* I then began to realise that Frank fancied himself as another Terry Wogan. So we arrived in Munchin's, we settled in and the following day we began our campaign.

We went into the first class and as agreed I went first. But as I began, I could feel the nervousness coming over me, so I rushed through what I had to say, leaving some of what I wanted to say, really all over the place.

So, in order to recover from what was a pretty disastrous presentation, I decided to continue on when I should have concluded and began to use Frank's notes. It was only then that I got into my stride. But I was conscious that Frank had come over alongside me and when I didn't stop talking, he tried to interrupt me with the occasional cough, but I kept going to the end and said everything that Frank had lined up for himself. And when I was finished, I said with much relief and great confidence, I now hand over to Frank, just like they do in RTE. Frank was not very happy, and his face said it all; you know the look he could give.

He simply turned to the students said, *"I have nothing to say, because that guy has just stolen my words and my script."* But it was no problem to Frank, he had no difficulty in taking the class from there. In fact, I said to him afterwards, you know you could find yourself teaching here after your ordination, and maybe becoming President of the College some day and of course he did. By the way, we didn't get any vocations from Munchin's that year.

Whenever we would work together at some presentation in the diocese, be it at a liturgy in the Cathedral or at a meeting, Frank always reminded me of the day I stole his words. Despite my shaky beginning at public speaking, many years later, I think it was over a glass of wine or two, Frank asked me to preach at his funeral Mass. We spoke about this some weeks ago. We managed a laugh despite it all. Well here we are, I can't steal his words today, but I can help us to reflect on his life and his ministry and the hope that we truly celebrate in this Liturgy. We know, that public speaking and preaching was one of Frank's greatest gifts.

His preaching and his teaching have touched the lives of countless numbers of people bringing the Word of God alive in the celebration of Mass and on so many other occasions, speaking words of hope, words of comfort, words of love and reassurance. He was one of the best in the business.

Last January, Frank's life was turned upside down and changed utterly, when he began to have serious difficulties with speaking. Some weeks later came the devastating news of his diagnosis. What shocked all of us was the speed at which his health deteriorated, and that the first thing to be taken from him, was his beautiful voice and the gift of speech. Towards the end of April his voice went silent, he could not speak the words anymore, and those of us around him while able to speak, could not find the words, we didn't know what to say to him. We couldn't find the words to console, the words to comfort him, words that would bring him peace and acceptance. It was an earthshattering moment for Frank and for all who knew and loved him.

But Frank eased our panic in our loss for words and our sense of bewilderment at what was happening to him. Frank eased our own vulnerability and our unease through the courage and determination that he showed as he adapted to his new situation. He faced it all with amazing courage and dignity.

And perhaps it was his greatest lesson to us. His strength in weakness. His determination, his courage as the disease took hold of him, will remain with all of us who were privileged to journey with him, being with him in person, and also by staying in touch with Frank, by text message, by WhatsApp and video clips.

Many of you here and friends from all around the world, were in constant contact with Frank. All of this meant a great deal to Frank and let him know that he was not alone, that he was not isolated and that he was dearly loved and appreciated.

There is no doubt, but the past seven months have been for Frank an experience of Gethsemane. Gethsemane the place where Jesus spent the night before he died, agonising over what was happening and what lay ahead in Calvary.

Like the Lord, Frank prayed that this moment of pain and suffering would pass from him. In his conversations with us through text message, he said more than once *"I Wish it could be different."*

But Frank's trust in God helped him to find the light of hope in those agonising moments, he found faith to believe that through the Cross, he would gain a share in the resurrection and new life of heaven. A message of hope that Frank preached so often on occasions like this.

When Frank was ordained here in this church on the 14th of June 1981, he took as his motto the lines from the prophet Isaiah, *"Be not afraid for I am with you always."* Around that time the hymn, *Be Not Afraid* was beginning to be sung in Irish Churches.

The hymn, *"Be Not Afraid"* was written in 1975 by an American Jesuit priest, Robert Dufford, a member of the St. Louis Jesuit musical group. The lyrics for this hymn are directly inspired by the words of the prophet Isaiah 43:2-3 and also from St Luke's Gospel. These words of Isaiah, give us confidence and strength to face whatever life will bring our way. A reassurance that no matter what we have to deal with in life, God is our constant companion.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour."

It was Frank's favourite hymn. In fact, it became an anthem for him, as he journeyed through his life, with all its ups and downs. I know in these past few months it gave him great comfort and hope and it enabled him to put his trust in God. On Thursday morning as he began to give up his spirit to the Lord, we played a recording of *Be Not Afraid* for him, and later that day as he breathed his last, Noel sang it very gently for him.

Frank believed that in the end God would take him to himself, and that through God's merciful love he would be transformed in to God's presence where he will see God as he really is. And Frank lived his life in the hope that this was the prize that awaited him in the end. A prize that is surely achievable for any one of us, if we are willing to love.

St John of the Cross said that, *"In the evening of life we will be judged on love."* Christian faith is a call to love, a call to go the extra mile, to make sacrifices for those who are dear to us. It is a call to service as Jesus taught so clearly and so dramatically on Holy Thursday evening when at supper he washed the feet of the disciples. We are called to do likewise in our lives and in our relationships.

As Pope Francis said at a celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday, *"We are called to be washers of each other's feet, one serving the other, without self-interest."* That is our daily task as followers of Jesus Christ. Frank dedicated his life to this service.

The fruits of that service have been acknowledged by so many people, since Frank died. Frank's faith enabled him to be generous in his service and in his love for all those he was called to serve.

Love for his family, love and service to his parishioners, wanting the best for his students when he was a teacher, having a deep appreciation for his many friends. Frank has loved without limit. Because of that love, tears will fall from our eyes today and we will miss him deeply in the time ahead.

But we have many happy memories. There are so many stories to be told, stories that Frank told us over the years, and stories about Frank himself. Memories that in time will bring a smile to our faces once again, memories that will inspire us in the most practical of ways, memories that will ensure that Frank will live on as long as we live and as long as we remember him.

Today we pray for, Alice, for Margaret, for Catherine and Gilly, for Vincent and Robbie and for all of the extended family, for his neighbours in Landsdowne and for his many friends in St John's parish here in Limerick and for the parishioners of St Elizabeth's Parish in New Jersey, USA, where Frank spent over 30 summers and made many good friends there. May God be with you every step along the way ahead. We pray that the Lord will lighten your grief and fill you with the hope of the faith that we celebrate today.

We now commend Frank with the confidence of our faith that in the Lord of life and mercy, Frank will rest in peace, until the day of resurrection. St Paul in his letter to the Colossians, wrote that *"You have died and the life you now have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - you too will be revealed in all your glory with Him."*

Rest in peace Frank.



Funeral Mass of Fr Tom Hurley

Date of Death: 20th November 2024

Homily delivered by Canon John O'Shea

We gather to-day, dear friends, as brother priests, people and relatives of Fr. Tom to give thanks to God for his life and ministry as a priest especially in the Limerick diocese where has spent almost 50 years celebrating God's love and presence in our midst. (Bishop John Fleming we welcome you and it's great you are back in our midst).

We come with gratitude to commend him to the Lord for the support, friendships and for his life witness to God and the many people he ministered to both here and in Kildimo-Pallaskerry who appreciated his gently and caring way he helped them on their pilgrim way

We commend him to the Lord for he lived a long life in the white coat of Christ bestowed on him at his baptism all those 97 years ago. Those close to him will miss him most but we let him go, in the words of the poet P.J. Daly 'Though flailing and floundering at his loss but in gratitude for all that he has been to us. May he rest in peace.

We offer our sympathies to his family, his sister, Sr. Frances, to his parishioners here in Templeglantine who supported and cared for him in his declining years. His passing will leave a void in your hearts and lives but those who die are no further from us than God and God is nearer to us than we are to ourselves. We pray as you grieve for him you will do so knowing 'what no eye has seen or ear heard or the heart of man conceived God has prepared for those who love him. May you be comforted as you mourn for him.

I have a feeling that Fr. Tom may have gone straight up despite the fact that we are taught because of our imperfections we need to be purified before we enter the sight of God. As St. John reminds us that we shall see God as he really is but everyone who entertains this promise must purify himself and become as pure as Christ 1 John 3:3f.

The reason why I say it is that Fr. Tom was a lecturer in Church History with the Redemptorist Fathers before he came to Limerick. Pope Francis wrote last week about taking Church history seriously, being able to live with the wheat and thistle, for the church we belong to is like a boat - 'the crew are human but the boat is divine.' Fr. Tom learnt this especially in his reading of the daily papers recognising the importance of looking into the signs of the times and seeing where God is calling us by taking the newspaper each day and reading the Gospel beside it. It's then we will see where the Holy Spirit is calling us and we will make sense of the times we are living in.

Fr. Tom had another task each day to carry out and that is what endeared him to a lot of people viz he went for a walk each day but never alone. He always had lovely friends in his dogs. Ever before he came to our Diocese when he was on the Staff of the Retreat House in N.C.Rd. You would have to admire the care for his dogs and also the care he had for our common home - with his green fingers.

So many of us will have admired the beautiful flower baskets hanging outside this beautiful church as we pass by, a testimony to his care for this sacred place. We must not forget to mention his love of classical music that gave him many moments of joy and relaxation and his great smile that showed us the warmth of his character.

St. Paul reminds us that 'life for us is Christ' and we can experience his presence with us in our lives. We prepare a relationship with Christ for all eternity by the way we live in relationship with him in this life, meeting the challenges of ministry, sharing in the crosses and the let go through which God breathes. We can be assured of our life with God and we can anticipate that life beholding Him face to face in eternity the more we become faithful in our witness to him every day.

Fr. Tom who we commend to the Lord this day dedicated his life to the service of God and his devotion to Mass and the Eucharist gave him nourishment to care for the people entrusted to him and to cope with the difficulties and challenges he had to encounter.

Today we pray that the pledge of future glory, life forever with God will be a reality for him in heaven. This is the hope we celebrate in this Eucharist. We give thanks and we prepare ourselves too to behold the Lord face to face in eternity.

We are told the clock waits for no one and times moves on. but we have great memories of Fr. Tom Hurley. He was a prayerful priest who always carried himself well in the meekness of a true Disciple of the Lord. When Jesus is calling us to be meek he is inviting us to follow him by respecting all the gifts of creation and reject anything that leads to the exploitation of people, other living creatures and all of creation. Fr Tom gave expression to that meekness, was blessed in the simple way he lived his life close to God and close to creation.

Our celebration of the Eucharist here today is both a prayer of thanks and a prayer of commendation. Thanks to God for the many blessings that came to Fr. Tom, and through him to so many people in his priestly ministry. We are grateful for the Masses offered for so many people, living and dead, for the Baptisms and the new life of Christ and the welcome into the church he administered, the marriages of couples he celebrated and for the anointing of the sick and forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation opening up new life for people lifting the burden that Christ the King made possible through his Death and Resurrection for so many people. A man of hope and peace for peoples lives.

Christ says 'I am the Resurrection and the Life' and he who believes in me though he dies, yet he shall live. Christ declared that He is Eternal Life. In him what was once a Hope has become for Fr. Tom a present reality. This is the greatness of our faith. We pray that the seed that was planted for him all those years ago in baptism and was nurtured by his prayer, love and priestly ministry will come to full blossom now in death and new life with the Lord.

For him we can say Mission Accomplished and in the midst of the winter of death we know that spring is quietly at work through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of God today asks us to keep our focus on heavenly things, know the love of God has for us and spread the good news. Fr. Tom gave witness to all of this in his life.

So I conclude in the words of Fr. Bede Jarett

‘We give him back to you, O Lord who first gave him to us
and as you Lord did not lose him in the giving
so we do not lose him in the return.....
Lift us up strong Son of God that we may see the Father,
strengthen our faith that we may see beyond.....
and while you prepare a place for us as you have promised
Prepare us also for that happy place
that where you are we may be also,
with those we loved forever.’

We pray for you Fr. Tom, may you pray for us, Rest in Peace.

Funeral Mass of Fr Patrick Kelly

Date of Death: 8th December 2024

Homily delivered by Bishop Brendan Leahy



We are praying today for, and remembering, a man who was gifted with a very long life. He was in his hundredth year when the Lord called him. It's hard for us to calculate just how many blessings and graces the Lord communicated through him over his many, many years of ministry since his ordination in 1950, Ten years before I was born! As anyone who visited him knows, he was still offering his lovely blessings and leading Rosary prayers right up until recently.

He was of course a classmate of Bishop Newman and was very proud of that, and of Charlie O'Neill, who also lived to be a very good age.

Ordained, as I say, in 1950, immediately after ordination, he moved to the Diocese of Ferns. He had seven great years there. He spoke fondly of this time there. He always liked to tell the story of how when he was recalled to Limerick after his time in Wexford, the great housekeeper he had at the time volunteered to travel with him 'to settle him in'. But when she got to Limerick, she met a man and they struck up a relationship, got married, and she never went back to Wexford. Perhaps that qualifies Canon Patrick as a matchmaker!

Back in Limerick, Canon Patrick served faithfully in Athea, Ballyhahill, Rockhill & Bruree, Patrickswell, Ballybrown and Bulgaden. There are three features of his priestly life that I would like to highlight.

Closeness to People. Recently, I've been reading a book written by the mother of the young saint, Carlo Acutis, who is going to be canonised in a few months' time by Pope Francis in Rome. She tells us that Carlo Acutis had a great regard for diocesan priests. For him, they simply went about their work, day in day out, far from the limelight, dedicated totally to the care of those entrusted to them pastorally. He could see what he called everyday Christianity in them. I think we can say that of Canon Patrick. He liked to converse and had great time for people. For instance, he spent ten years living in Ballybrown as a curate. He is remembered there with great affection. One priest who also served in Ballybrown told me that Canon Patrick took a keen interest in the fortunes of their hurling team, and even after thirty-five or forty years, he still remembered people he met there and used to enquire for them. I know he was instrumental in establishing the local Juvenile club.

He worked hard for those he served in all the parishes he ministered in. And there are many fond memories of him in each. He was known to have a sense of humour and share a joke. He loved calling in to the schools. And his gentle way of getting the children in the room to speak was much appreciated by teachers and parents alike as well as by the children. The pioneers remember his good fun at the annual pioneer dinners. All his hard work didn't stop him living a healthy life with long walks and golf games. Any time I'd visit him he'd ask me if I played golf. When I said I didn't, he'd say with a degree of surprise, "don't you?" I felt it was almost as if he wanted to remind me to take breaks and do exercise.

Of course, when we mention his love for people, we remember how much he loved his family and they him. He is predeceased by his sister Mary Carr and his brother Denis Kelly. But today we extend our sincere condolences to his loving nieces and nephews – Mary, Brian, Maurice, Mairéad, Colum, Christophene, Gemma, grandnieces and grandnephews. We thank them for their constant support and visits to Canon Patrick right to the end. And we think today of his long deceased parents to whom we are grateful for the gift of Fr. Patrick to the service of the Church.

Prayer. A second feature that stands out in Canon Patrick's life was his spirituality. He was a spiritual man. He really believed in nurturing his relationship with God through prayer. He took to heart the words of the prophet Isaiah in the First Reading: "Fear not; I will help you. Can a mother forget her infant. Even should she forget, I will never forget you. I have written your name on the palm of my hand." People appreciated his deep spirituality. Every year he attended the Intercession for Priests held in Dublin when priests from around the country would gather for prayer, reflection and priestly fraternity. After he retired, he put together and published, at his own expense, a little booklet of his favourite prayers which he distributed to people. And, as I said, whenever you'd visit him, he would ask for a blessing and would give a lovely blessing in return. Yes, prayer was important to Canon Patrick.

Devotion to Our Lady. A third aspect that I would highlight was Canon Patrick's devotion to Our Lady. He died on December 8th, the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. We've heard in the Gospel how, as he was dying, Jesus entrusted the Beloved disciple, John, who represents all of humanity, the Church, but also specifically priests, to the care of Our Lady. And we are told in the Gospel that from that moment on, John took care of Our Lady and brought her into his home. Canon Patrick is one who invited Our Lady into his life. He conversed daily with her. He entrusted his people and pastoral duties to her. He had a great love for the Rosary prayer. In my mind's eye, I still see him in the sitting room in St. Catherine's Nursing home, leading the Rosary for the other elderly people with him there.

Closeness to people, Prayer and Devotion to Our Lady. There are many other aspects to canon Patrick's life but let's be grateful for the example he gave us in these three important elements. And, on this funeral day, as we pray for the repose of his soul, entrusting him to God's mercy, asking God to forgive any failings he may have had, we can also find consolation in the fact that canon Patrick continues to pray for us, for his family, for the people of this Diocese. He continues to converse with Our Lady about us and is putting a word in for us. It is indeed our hope that Canon Patrick now experiences a promise that Jesus made, and which the late Bishop Donal Murray highlighted so much: "I will go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." Yes, we can hope that he is experiencing the life of heaven which is, as the Second Reading puts it, "what eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him." May he rest in peace.

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| Adare & District Memory Care Centre | Croagh | 069-644 43 |
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| Ard Na Ri Nursing Home | Bruff | 061 -382 286 |
| Athlunkard House Nursing Home | St Nicholas | 061-345 150 |
| Beech Lodge Care Facility | Bruree | 063-90522 |
| Beechwood House Nursing Home | Newcastle West | 069-624 08 |
| Caherass Nursing Home | Croom | 061-600 930 |
| Cahermoyle House | Ardagh | 069-76105 |
| Catherine McAuley House (Limerick) | St Mary's | 061-315 384 |
| Corbally House Nursing Home | St Nicholas | 061-343 267 |
| Drumcollogher & District Respite Care Centre | Dromcollogher | 063-83934 |
| Good Counsel Nursing Home | Donoghmore | 061-416 288 |
| Killeline Nursing Home | Newcastle West | 069-22061 |
| Lir Nursing Home | Tournafulla | 069-81188 |
| Maria Goretti Nursing Home | Kilmallock | 063-98983 |
| Milford Care Centre and Hospice | OLHC | 061-485 800 |
| Roseville House Nursing Home | Monaleen | 061-333 897 |
| Saint Paul's Nursing Home | St Pauls | 061-228 209 |
| St Catherine's Nursing Home & Retirement Village | Newcastle West | 069-61411 |
| St. Gobnait's Nursing Home | Ballyagran | 063-82065 |
| The Park Nursing Home | OLHC | 061-332 680 |
| Thorpes Nursing Home | Patrickswell/ Ballybrown | 061-353 007 |



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