

Nenagh Parish News

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Mass Times

St Mary of the Rosary

Weekend Masses:

Saturday | 6.15pm

Sunday 8am | 12 noon | 6pm

Parish Radio: 106.2FM

Weekday Masses

11am

St John the Baptist, Tyone

Saturday | 7.30pm

Sunday | 10.30am

Those We Remember | Sat 25 Dec - Sun 2 Jan 2022

Sun 26th 12noon	Eddie McCormack (A) Christy Hackett (A) Ewa & Ryzavol Lqsocki (A) Batt & Mary O'Keefe (As) Tommy Hourigan (A) & his parents Tommy & Maureen Michael Costello (A)
Tues 28th 11am	Mark Griffin (1st A)
Thurs 30th 11am	Sean Doyle (1st A) Dublin & late of Nenagh Patrick Walsh (A) Godfrey & Blackwell families Eileen Ryan (A) Neil Malone (A) Jack Ryan & Annie Ryan (As) Noel & Maureen Clifford (As)
Fri 31st Dec 11am	Martin & Elizabeth Ray (As) and deceased members of the Ray family Martin & Joanna Morgan (As) and deceased members of the Morgan family
Sun 2 Jan 12noon	Shaun Hilmi (1st A) Pearse O'Brien (A) Nancy Sheehan (A) Nonie Gavin (A) Timmy Ryan (A)
Sun 2nd 6pm	Breda Shanahan (A)



WHO WAS SAINT STEPHEN?

One can find the story of St. Stephen in the book of Acts Chapters 6 and 7. He lived a few years after the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is believed that he was a Greek Jew who converted from the Jewish beliefs to being a Christian.

In those early years of the Church, Christianity was not a popular religion because the Jews felt that it was a threat to what they had always believed and practised. It was a risk to preach about Jesus. The number of Christians continued to grow into a caring community that cared for the poor and the widows, especially by providing them with food.

Stephen was chosen as one of the seven deacons appointed to organise and distribute food to the Greek widows. Besides he was also an effective preacher. People followed him to hear him speak about Jesus and His teaching, about His Death and Resurrection. The Jewish leaders lied about him, they took him to trial and accused him

of blasphemy. Stephen stood firm and he accused them of causing the death of Jesus. They followed the Jewish law by condemning him to being stoned to death.

He became the first Christian Martyr when he was about thirty years old. The Church celebrates St. Stephen the day after Christmas. It is a celebration, a manifestation of St. Stephen who offered his life as witness, by standing up for what he believed: that this special Baby in the manger was the Son of God, who became Man for our salvation.

Stephen faced the conflict with the Jews with strength of character and without fear.

Our Faithful Departed
 As this, and the next edition of the Newsletter are both printed in advance of Christmas, any faithful departed will be remembered here in the New Year.

NOTICE BOARD
Weekly Collection
 Last Week's collection - **€2,250** Thanks for your generosity. Christmas Day collection will be published later.
Pharmacy on Duty Guerin's
Parish Office Opening Hours
 Closed | 27 -31 December (inclusive)
 Reopening | Monday 3 January 2022
Please Note Anniversaries and Months
 Mind Masses will not appear in next weekend's newsletter unless they have already been notified to the Parish Office.

Mass Schedule Mon 27 - Fri 31 Dec
 St Mary of the Rosary | 11am **No 8am Mass**

Feast of the Holy Family

Today we have a chance to reflect on the mystery of our own families! It really is a bit of a mystery, how we mostly come out okay from this most intense and formative of experiences. We receive so much that we really want to ponder and to treasure. We can also be burdened by attitudes and traits that we might well wish we were without. Yet, through it all, we are grateful. Family is our 'first love' and never really loses its importance for us.

Prayer

Bless all our families.
 We thank you for the very gift of life itself and for all the many other gifts we receive from our families. We have received so much: help us to continue to give. Help us too to know what to overlook and forget, to pay attention to what can be healed and forgiven, and through it all to continue to love.
 Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Nenagh Parish Christmas Draw Results



- 1st Prize:** Tess O'Kennedy
- 2nd Prize:** Tadgh Long
- 3rd Prize:** Liam Needham

Congratulations to the winners and a huge thank you to everyone who took part...we'll do it all again next year!!

