

Nenagh Parish News

Sunday 4 December 2022

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Mass Times

St Mary of the Rosary

Weekend Masses:

Lay-Led Liturgy with Holy Communion | Saturday 10am
Saturday Vigil Mass | 6.15pm
Sunday 8am | 12 noon | 6pm

Weekday Masses

8am | 11am

Adoration | Weekdays 5-7pm

Confessions | Sat after Lay Led Liturgy

Parish Radio: 106.2FM

St John the Baptist, Tyone

Saturday | 7.30pm
Sunday | 10.30am

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For...

...today.

Father, clear my sleepy head and fill my mind with expectation. Awake my slow body and energize my heart with love in action. Ignite my spirit and set this day on fire with promise. Make the ordinary extraordinary. Engage me, show me your kingdom alive. Help me to see that every waking moment is full of promise because of you. **Amen.**

Christmas Triduum Mass

Christmas Triduum Mass Intentions: an ideal way to link with loved ones this Christmas is to send them a parish Christmas card & include them in our Christmas Triduum of Masses. Cards available in the Parish Office. Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul & Carmha.

Ormond Historical Society

The Society's December lecture is titled *The First Children of Nenagh Goal*. The lecturer will be the historian, author and broadcaster, Dr. Conor Reidy, a former lecturer at the University of Limerick and Mary Immaculate College. Conor is a specialist in the criminal and penal history of nineteenth and twentieth-century Ireland. The lecture will take place in the ballroom at Abbey Court Hotel at 8.00pm. Admissions for non-members is €10.00. Admission can be set against the Society's subscription fees.

Christmas Draw | Members of the Finance Committee will attend all Masses on weekend of the 17th and 18th December to sell lines.

Please Note Time Change

Adoration | Monday 5 December | 5-6pm

Nenagh Community Training Centre St John's Place E45E248

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Christmas Gifts | Cards | Candles | Herb boxes | Frames | Wreaths | Ceramic & Wooden Ornaments & more!
Tea/Coffee, Christmas Pudding, Cakes & Chocolate Fountain. Santa, Games, Photo Station & pre-loved accessories stall.
Raffles & Hampers
4.30-6.30pm | Thurs 8 Dec

Medjugorje Afternoon Prayer

Monday 5 December | 4pm
Nenagh Daycare Centre | All Welcome!

NENAGH PARISH SHOP

(St Mary of the Rosary Church)

Opening Hours

Mon-Fri - 10.30am-12 noon | Sat - 5.45pm-7.15pm
(closed during Mass)

Drop in to meet our friendly staff and check out our treasure trove of Christmas Cards, Gifts, Triduum Cards, Books, and souvenirs.

Those We Remember | Sat 3 - Sun 11 Dec

St Mary of the Rosary

Sun 4th 12noon	Nessa Hudner (1st A) Patrick Maher (1st A) & his wife Marian Diarmuid Ryan (A) Thomas White (A) & his parents Thomas & Kathleen Una Ryan (A) Bea Hynes (A)
Sun 4th 6pm	Pauline Knight (A) Michael Madden (A) Oliver Murray (A) Mary O'Sullivan (A) Billy Molloy (A)
Mon 5th 11am	Gerard Shalloe & his parents John & Julia, his brother Sean & sister Mary (As) Michael & Margaret Hogan (As)
Wed 7th 11am	Liam Troy (1stA) Tom & Elizabeth Hackett (As)
Thurs 8th 8am	Nora Mc Grath (A) & her son Denis & her grandson John Paul Cudd
Fri 9th 11am	Joseph & Elizabeth Ryan
Sun 11th 12noon	David O'Keefe (MM) Christopher Francis Toohey (A) Ernest & Lena Hogan (As) Holly Morrissey McGrath (A) Rosie Crowe (A) Stephen & Eileen Ryan (As) Johnny Starr (A) Chrissie & Michael Cooney (As)
Sun 11th 6pm	Denis & Maureen Farrell (As) Peter & Barbara Mulligan (As) Deceased members of Fagan & O'Meara families (As)
Sat 10th 7.30pm	St John the Baptist Rody, Nora & Hugh Corcoran (As)
Sun 11th 10.30am	Seamus Malone (A) Tom & Mary Keane (As) Jimmy & Kitty Whelan (As)

Our Faithful Departed

Katherine (Kay) Moloney (Croagh Co. Limerick)
May She Rest in Peace. Amen

Readers | 10 - 11 December 2022

6.15pm	Conor Reidy
7.30pm	Patricia Ryan
8.00am	Tess O'Kennedy
10.30am	Patricia Fitzgerald
12noon	Paddy Rohan

NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection

Last Week's collection - **€2,906**
Thanks, as always for your generosity.

Pharmacy on Duty Finnerty's
Parish Office Opening Hours

Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent is a season of patience. It is like the Advent Calendar with its daily thoughts and treats - one at a time - a surprise each day - no need to rush ahead - I can wait until tomorrow. What does that patience feel like? Is it a struggle not to anticipate - to take a peak at what's ahead - to slip into the future without opening up the gift of the present - the now. What is that now like?is it comfortable....secure...calm...is it something I want to escape...to avoid...to run from...anywhere but here and now. Patience...stay with it...you are not alone...do not be afraid.

Advent is a season of attentiveness. We wait in a spirit of calm expectation, with our eyes wide open in gentle alertness, for the unfolding of the gifts that Jesus has prepared for us. A Christmas song tells children

'you better watch out'. In the Gospel of Mark, for the first Sunday of Advent, Jesus challenges us to 'stay awake'. These two phrases have something in common - being alert and being attentive.

What is this attentiveness like? Is it noticing the peace that comes when we create the right environment - no phone or radio or T.V. - some gentle music - a candle - a quiet place or are feeling more chilled out as the season moves forward.

Is it about hearing God crying from the wilderness of our mindlessness - speaking words of promise, encouragement and renewal? Is it paying attention to the people in our lives who we might take for granted? This attentive standing back sometimes reveals the other person in a new light - their presence illuminated by the glow of their constancy, the warmth of their support or the unnamed security of their being there. As we count our gifts we are mindful for ways to offer what we have received. 'You received without charge, give without charge'.

Advent is a time for gentle prayer. We begin to notice anew the presence of Jesus in so many different ways. We appreciate the many gifts that we have been given as we see Jesus in the people with whom we live and work - especially our families. Prayer leads us to quiet thoughtfulness making us more aware of the needs of others. In the silence of Advent we are inspired to reach out, like Jesus, to those who find it hard to survive, those who are left out by others and those in need of healing words and touch...the hungry he has filled with good things'...

In the stillness of Advent we learn to be active in proclaiming the kingdom of God and in spreading the good news of the Gospel. We are mindful too of the words, attributed to St. Francis Of Assisi, 'Preach the Gospel always, and if necessary also with words.'

- May this Advent retreat be a time to notice and to celebrate the joy of love in our families.
- May this Advent retreat be a time for paying attention to ways that might make the paths of our relationships more smooth.
- May this Advent retreat be a time to become aware of the value of peace and moderation as we look forward with hope.

St. John the Baptist Church Renovation Fund

Christmas Draw 2022

1st Prize: **HAMPER - value €300**

2nd Prize: **€100 Voucher**

3rd Prize: **€100 Voucher**

Draw to be held in St John the Baptist Church, Tyone on Wednesday 21 December at 7.30pm. Tickets €2 or 3 for €5
Tickets and cards available from Parish Office, Parish Shop or any member of Finance Committee. Permit granted.