

Nenagh Parish News

Sunday 15 January 2023

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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...

...the beauty of nature

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields,
And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing
When even the common thorn bush
Is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
Amen.

St Mary's Secondary School Open Night

Monday 16th January 6.30pm

Nenagh College Open Day

Sunday 15th January 2-4pm

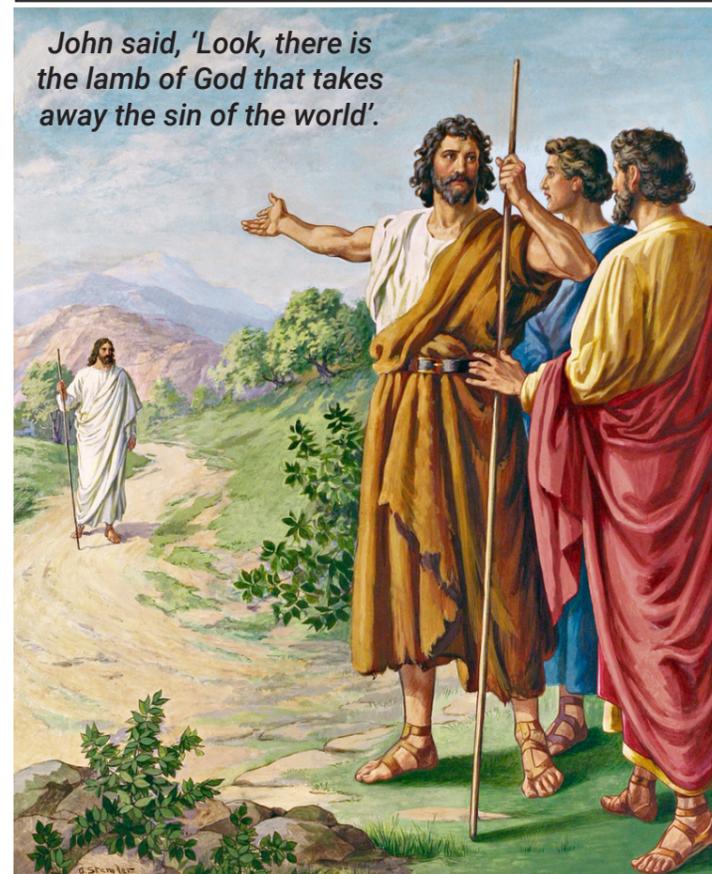
Nenagh CBS Open Night

Thursday 19th January 7.30-9pm

Ormond Historical Society

From Truce to Civil War: Tipperary 1921-1923 | Lecture by John Flannery
| 16 January 2023 | Abbey Court Hotel ballroom

John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'.



Those We Remember | Sat 14 - Sun 22 Jan

St Mary of the Rosary

Sun 15th 8am John Tierney (A)
Sun 15th 12noon Martin (Murty) Hogan (A)
Kitty Quigley & Family
Jamie Boyle (A)
Teresa & Paul Bannon (As)
Ann Ryan (A)
Breda Dooley (nee Morrissey) (A)
Chris Finn (A)
Sun 15th 6pm Monica Creagh (A)
Lena Hassett (A)
Bridie & Paddy Joe Cusack (As)
Kathleen O'Brien (A)
Micheal Collins (A)
Alan Robson (A)
Tue 17th 11am Sean Meagher (A)
Wed 18th 8am Marie Mitchell (1st A) & her husband
Joseph Mitchell
Thurs 19th 11am Sr Eileen O'Driscoll
Pat & Betty Moriarty (As)
Fri 20th 11am Noelle Tomlinson (1st A)
Sat 21st 6.15pm Bridie Comerford (nee Mason)
Sun 22nd 8am Maura Mc Kenna (MM)
Sun 22nd 12noon Michael & Mary McNamara (A)
Maura Spillane (A)
Frances Kinsella (A)
Richard Toohey (A)
Sun 22nd 6pm

St John the Baptist

Sat 14th 7.30pm Eileen O Gara (A)
Mary & Sean Ryan & their son JJ (As)
J.K Cleary (A)
Sat 21st 7.30pm Brian O Malley & his wife Peggy (As)
Sean Boyle (A)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

2023

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and doing good is not on the agenda of either the priests in the Temple or the ruling authorities in the neighbouring palace.

Isaiah seeks to awaken the conscience of the people to the reality of their situation. Instead of honouring their religious expression as a blessing, he sees it as a sacrilege. Isaiah denounces the political, social and religious structures which encourage the hypocrisy of offering sacrifices whilst oppressing the poor. He speaks out vigorously against corrupt leaders and in favour of the disadvantaged. Isaiah teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all people, all the time, in all spheres of life.

Our world today mirrors the challenges that Isaiah confronted. Justice, righteousness and unity originate from God's profound love for each of us. They are at the heart of who God is and how God expects us to be with one another. Yet injustice and oppression continue. The sin of racism is evident in practices that set one racial group over and against another. When accompanied or sustained by imbalances of power, racial prejudice moves beyond the individual to take up residence in the structures of society.

Like the religious people so fiercely denounced by the biblical prophets, some Christian believers are complicit in supporting and perpetuating prejudice and oppression, thereby fostering division. Christians involve themselves in structures of sin that strip others of their dignity; structures that enable and promote slavery, colonisation, segregation, apartheid. Sometimes within the Church, we fail to welcome racial difference; when we fail to recognise the dignity of any, we trample on the dignity of all. The prophet Isaiah calls us to learn to do good and requires us to decide to engage with the issues. We are challenged to engage in self-reflection. Praying together during this week allows us to reflect on what unites us and enables us to commit ourselves to confront all instances of oppression and injustice. Undertaking this commitment requires churches to acknowledge their own complicity in racial injustice. We must confess how our silence has allowed other voices to sound out without challenge. As Christians we must be willing to disrupt systems of oppression and advocate for justice. Our commitment to each other requires us to engage in restorative justice (mishpat). We must speak out, dismantle unjust structures and create a society in which people can live with freedom and dignity. We must engage in dialogue and so increase awareness and insight about the lived experience of all people. Together, we must engage in the struggle for justice in society – because we all belong to Christ. Churches

Together in Britain and Ireland, through the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the United States by reflecting upon racism in our own context.

On 22 April 1993 a teenager was murdered on the streets of London while waiting for a bus. Stephen Lawrence was a promising young man looking forward to fulfilling his dream of becoming an architect. He was murdered simply because he was black. The murder was to have a seismic effect on society and its reverberations were felt across the four nations of Britain and Ireland. It revealed the ugliness of racism, and this was compounded by the systemic failures of the police to bring Stephen's murderers to justice. Following a public inquiry, the Macpherson Report of 1999 brought to wider attention the concept of "Institutional Racism", the racism that is deeply embedded in society or in institutions. This year we mark the 30th Anniversary of Stephen Lawrence's murder and this will be a major focus for many who work for a society that is free from racism. As long as racism exists, we live in a divided society and a divided world, so during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we reflect upon how these divisions impact our shared life as we pray together for the unity for which Christ prayed. But we also acknowledge how much churches have contributed to division and prejudice within our institutions and also society. As long as there is racism there will be no Christian unity!

This year's prayer resources are inspired by the experience of our Christian sisters and brothers in another part of the world who are wrestling with this very issue. They have reflected on how we pray for Christian unity when Christians are part of unjust and racist structures. For the churches of the US State of Minnesota, the murder of George Floyd and the institutional racism it embodied provide the focus for their prayer for unity and justice. They place before us the prophet Isaiah's challenge to do good and seek justice (Isaiah 1:17). The prophet is writing to the people of Judah at a time when formal religion is thriving, in a culture which understands wealth as blessing from God and poverty as punishment. Seeking justice

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Weekly Collection €3,365

Thank you as always for your generosity.

Pharmacy on Duty Anna Kelly

Parish Office Opening Hours

Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm

Readers | 21 -22 January 2023

6.15pm Liam Gleeson
7.30pm Kevin Costello
8.00am Margaret Grace
10.30am Deborah O'Driscoll
12noon Noel Tomlinson

Thank You

The parish has been overwhelmed by the generosity shown in response to our New Year appeal for the donation of unwanted and/or duplicate Christmas presents. We are currently in the process of dividing the goods and will deliver them to nursing homes and charities very soon. We will update you on that process and share some photos online! Thank you all for your amazing kindness! PS. We still haven't told Santa!