

# Nenagh Parish News

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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...

...good health

Dear God,  
Please bless me with good health and strength.  
Help me to take care of my body and mind, and to always be grateful for the gift of life.  
Amen.



'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

### Shaun Hilmi Memorial Walk

Thank you to all who contributed raffle prizes and thank you to all who came out and joined us in walking/running on the day to raise funds for **Sarcoma Cancer Ireland** (in Shaun's memory). We raised a huge sum of **€4,696.30** and we thank each and everyone who contributed to same most sincerely from the Hilmi family.

### Ormond Historical Society

The society's January lecture will be 'From Truce to Civil War; Tipperary 1921-1923'. The lecturer, John Flannery, holds a Master's Degree in Local History and has an interest in Irish and local history. The lecture will be in the ballroom at the Abbey Court Hotel on 9 January at 8pm. Admission for non-members is ten euro. Admissions can be set against the society's subscription fees.

## Parish Christmas Draw Results

**Hamper** Taylor Wilson, Ballinacloough  
**€100 Voucher** Anna Kelly, Grange, Nenagh  
**€100 Voucher** Deborah O'Driscoll, Ciamalta Meadows, Nenagh

### Readers | 14 -15 January 2023

**6.15pm** Mary McGrath  
**7.30pm** Patricia Ryan  
**8.00am** Helena O'Gorman  
**10.30am** Patricia Fitzgerald  
**12noon** Eilish Carter

Failte Club: Bridge will resume in the Bridge centre on the 10th January at 7.30pm Sharp.

**Medjugorje Afternoon Prayer** in the DayCare Centre on Monday 9th January at 4pm. All are welcome.

## Those We Remember | Sat 7 - Sun 15 Jan

**St Mary of the Rosary**  
Sat 7th 6.15pm Joey Monk Moran (MM)  
Margaret Ryan (MM)  
John (Jack) O Connor (1st A)  
John Daly (1st A)  
Sun 8th 12 noon Joseph & Annie O Meara (As)  
Dan White & his wife Reenie & deceased members of the White Family (As)  
Terry Dwyer (A)  
Nonie Gavin (A)  
Sun 8th 6pm John & Peg Cavanagh (As) and deceased family members  
Bill O'Brien (A)  
Thomas Cummins (A)  
Ann & Billy Barry (As)  
Fri 13th 11am Tara Mc Kay (A)  
Sat 14th 8am JK Cleary (A)  
Sun 15th 8am John Tierney (A)  
Sun 15th 12 noon Kitty Quigley (A) & deceased family members  
Jamie Boyle (A)  
Teresa & Paul Bannon (As)  
Ann Ryan (A)  
Breda Dooley (nee Morrissey) (A)  
Sun 15th 6pm Monica Creagh (A)  
Lena Hassett (A)  
**St John the Baptist**  
Sat 7th 7.30pm Pdraig O'Meara (A)  
Elizabeth Hourigan (A) & her husband Rody & sons Jim & Rodger  
Jack & Anna Kennedy (As)  
Sun 8th 10.30am Jimmy & Cissie Fitzgerald (As)  
Ned & Bridie Moore (As)  
Sat 14th 7.30pm Eileen O'Gara (A)  
Mary & Sean Ryan and their son J.J (As)

### Our Faithful Departed

Patrick (Pat) Crowe  
Maura McKenna (née Quigley)  
Sean (Joe) McDonnell  
Jane (Janie) Nevin (née Ryan)  
John Ryan (D)  
Deirdre Ryan  
Joanne Mitchell  
**May They Rest In Peace. Amen.**

## NOTICE BOARD

**Weekly Collection**  
**25 December** €2,421.00  
**1 January** €3,170.00

Thank you as always for your generosity.

**Pharmacy on Duty** Ray Walsh  
**Parish Office Opening Hours**  
Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm

### Accord Nenagh

Counselling available for couples  
Contact: Telephone 065 6824297  
Email: [accordennis1@gmail.com](mailto:accordennis1@gmail.com)

Rest In Peace

Pope Benedict XVI

1927-2022

*I am a simple, humble  
worker in the vineyard  
of the Lord*

19 April 2005

On that rainy day in April 2005, when the entire world had its eyes fixed on the new pope, Pope Benedict XVI described himself as a "simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard." As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger he had already been working closely with Pope Saint John Paul II through the final years of the Cold War and the beginning of a new millennium, the fall of communism in central and eastern Europe, growing globalization and the emergence of an international threat of terrorism.

During his own pontificate Pope Benedict witnessed powerfully to faith, hope and love – the three theological virtues – about which he wrote profoundly in his encyclical letters: God is Love (Deus caritas est); Saved by Hope (Spe salvi); and, The Light of Faith (Lumen fidei) – which was completed by his successor Pope Francis.

On a personal level, it was his characteristic humility and gentleness which struck me when I first met him in 2009 while visiting the Vatican as Executive Secretary to the Irish Bishops' Conference. I found him to be calm and softly spoken, kindly and personable, and genuinely interested in the Church in Ireland. Having met the Irish bishops in Rome in February 2010, he issued a unique Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Ireland expressing profound sorrow for those grievously wounded by abuse in the Church. The then pope called for urgent action to address the legacy of abuse which, he said, has had "such tragic consequences in the lives of victims and their families", and which has "obscured the light of the Gospel to a degree that not even centuries of persecution succeeded in doing."

Pope Benedict XVI's interest in Ireland goes back to his friendship with the late Archbishop Kevin McNamara of Dublin when both were young theology professors. Former students of the Pontifical Irish College, Rome, also remember fondly his visit there as cardinal. He often admired the huge contribution of generations of Irish men and women to the Church, and to humanity, and he took a special interest in the work of early Celtic missionaries like Saint Columbanus to the spread the Gospel in Europe and to Europe's spiritual identity. He followed closely, and prayerfully, the peace process as it matured. Although unable to travel to Ireland for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in 2012, he delivered the key televised address to participating pilgrims. His message then, about the Church as communion, recalled his remarkable 2007 Apostolic Exhortation Sacramentum Caritatis in which he speaks of the Holy Eucharist as a mystery to be simultaneously believed, celebrated and lived.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was a person of deep spirituality and prayer, an outstanding apostle of Christ. With his great capacity to listen combined with a personal, discreet charm, the late pope was able to win people to Christ wherever he was: during the World Youth Day celebrations, he attracted the attention of thousands of young people; his encouragement for the World Days of the Sick, World Meetings, and his many travels around the world and meetings with other religious leaders, politicians and academics. I remembered his commitment to service when I wrote in early January 2013 to accept my appointment by him as Coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh, just one month before he humbly resigned the papacy due to failing health.

Pope Benedict XVI understood the need and potential for all people of goodwill to work for the realisation of the common good. On social doctrine more broadly, he emphasised that charity must always be rooted in truth in order to be fruitful (see Caritas in Veritate). On the eve of his election to the Petrine Ministry, the then Cardinal Ratzinger incisively identified a tendency in society to lapse into 'a dictatorship of relativism.' At the same time, his papacy was marked by a commitment to dialogue between faith and reason, between the Church and the modern world, and to ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, as evidenced on his significant apostolic journey to the United Kingdom in 2010.

In his lifetime, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was an outstanding teacher and academic whose impressive intellectual ability, combined with clarity of expression, made of him one of the greatest theologians of our era. For all his intellectual abilities, he always ensured that the faith was not reduced to academic hair splitting; religion, he emphasised, is not a lofty concept or an ethical ideal; it is rather, an encounter with a person, Jesus Christ. His personal writings on Jesus of Nazareth bear witness to his life's work to share the Good News of salvation that comes through Christ. In many respects he was similar to the early Bishops and Doctors of the Church, combining great clarity of doctrine with pastoral realism.

In 2011, declaring the opening of universal Year of Faith, Pope Benedict spoke about how, at baptism we enter the 'door of faith' and set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. Now that his earthly journey has ended, I pray that, by the help of God's mercy, the saints will go out to meet him and welcome him into his heavenly home. Ar dheis Dé go raibh anam dílis.