

# Nenagh Parish News

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**Mass Times**  
**St Mary of the Rosary**  
**Weekend Masses:**  
Liturgy of the Word 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 Liturgy**  
**Parish Radio: 106.2FM**  
**St John the Baptist, Tyone**  
Saturday | 7.30pm  
Sunday | 10.30am

## This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For...

### ...Planet Earth

Dear God,  
Thank you for this beautiful planet.  
Bless it and keep it safe from harm.  
We pray for the protection of the animals, the soil, air and water.  
May we care for all you have made.  
Help us to love the Earth as you do.  
We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Mary of the Rosary | 16 April

**Confessions and Adoration - 2pm**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3pm**

**Holy Mass - 3.30pm**

Start the Novena on Good Friday and finish on Holy Saturday.  
The Novena leaflet will be available in the Church.

**Silver Arch Family Resource Centre** invite you to join Social Farmer Albert Nolan in exploring Nenagh Community Garden and learn how to sow & grow your own salads and vegetables, discover how important plants, insects and wildlife are to our communities; Saturday 25th March and Saturday 8th of April from 10-12 noon. And this will include an Easter Egg Hunt with a difference in the Community Garden in Nenagh, on Saturday the 8th of April from 10am that not only will it be fun but will help children explore the magic that is in the green spaces around them! Book your place with Silver Arch Family Resource Centre at 067-31800.

**Defibs for Life - Nenagh** will hold an information evening in the Abbey Court Hotel on Thursday evening on 13 April at 8pm. We are a local group of volunteers who have come together for the purchase and installation of life-saving defibrillators in Nenagh town. On the night we will be sharing our plans on the initiative and exploring how the public and local business can get involved. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome.

### Parking at St Mary of the Rosary

The evening time opening of the barrier has reverted to 6pm. Mass and school opening times will continue as normal.

### A little bit of background to Mother's Day...

The ancient Greeks and Romans held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. In Ireland, the origins of Mother's Day can be traced back to the early Christian celebration of Mothering Sunday, which was observed on the fourth Sunday in Lent. It was a time when people returned to their "mother" church and was also an occasion for families to come together to honor their mothers.

In the early 20th century, the tradition of Mothering Sunday began to decline in Ireland, and it was replaced by the American-style Mother's Day, where it is celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

## Those We Remember | Sat 18 - Sun 26 Mar

### St Mary of the Rosary

Sun 19th 8am	Patricia Tucker (A)
Sun 19th 12noon	Margaret McLoughlin (A) Margaret & Michael Hogan (As) John Garrigan (A) Michael Moroney & his parents William & Bridget, brother Liam, sister Kal & niece Louise. Toddy & Maureen Bolger & their children Billy, Marie, Michael & Gerard
Tue 21st 11am	Bridie & Danny Hackett (As) & deceased members of the O'Brien & Hackett families
Thu 23rd 11am	Thomas Mulcahy (A)
Fri 24th 11am	Donie Morrissey (A)
Sat 25th 6.15pm	Mick Burns (MM) Mary Kennedy (MM) Tommy O'Keeffe (MM) Andrew Gill (1st A) Katie Ryan (1st A) Mary Clifford (1st A) & her husband Ger Clifford
Sun 26th 12noon	Patsy, Johnny & Tommy Abbott (As) Liam Nolan (A) Michael Finn (A) Evan & Dean Morrissey (As) Josephine Butler (A) Stephanie Hanley (A)
	<b>St John the Baptist</b>
Sat 18th 7.30pm	Gieolruis Morgelis (A)
Sat 25th 7.30pm	Nancy Martin & her daughter Ann Martin
Sun 26th 10.30am	Jenny Casey (A) Mary & Tim Herlihy (As)

## Readers | 25 -26 March 2023

<b>6.15pm</b>	Joan McCarthy
<b>7.30pm</b>	Patricia Finn
<b>8.00am</b>	Tess O'Kennedy
<b>10.30am</b>	Patricia Fitzgerald
<b>12noon</b>	Mary Slattery

*Note for Readers - Missal page 280*

## NOTICE BOARD

**Weekly Collection** €3,112  
Thank you as always for your generosity.  
**Pharmacy on Duty** Anna Kelly  
**Parish Office Opening Hours**  
Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm

The Diocese of Killaloe is undertaking a series of conversations about the future.

We are facing a different reality. Trends indicate that the numbers attending are fewer, the age profile of clergy and active laity is getting older, costs are increasing and contributions falling. We need to look at our structures and determine if they are still fit for purpose or if we can organise ourselves more effectively to have more viable communities and proclaim the gospel into the future.

For more information, go to [www.killaloe-diocese.ie/conversations-about-the-future-killaloe-diocese/](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/conversations-about-the-future-killaloe-diocese/)

You are encouraged to come along and give your views on these proposals.

## Let's talk about the Lenten Fast....

Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. In fact, the paschal fast predates Lent as we know it. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: "... let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind" (Liturgy, # 110).

Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. The first reading on the Friday after Ash Wednesday points out another important dimension of fasting. The prophet Isaiah insists that fasting without

changing our behavior is not pleasing to God. "This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own" (Is 58:6-7).

Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures, those who are in need for any reason. Thus fasting, too, is linked to living out our baptismal promises. By our Baptism, we are charged with the responsibility of showing Christ's love to the world, especially to those in need. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering.

Abstaining from meat traditionally also linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. It can do the same today if we remember the purpose of abstinence and embrace it as a spiritual link to those whose diets are sparse and simple. That should be the goal we set for ourselves—a sparse and simple meal. Avoiding meat while eating lobster misses the whole point!

We wish a very

# Happy Mother's Day

*In a special way we remember with love,  
all our mothers in heaven and take solace  
in the fact that we'll embrace them again  
someday.*

## Thinking of you all...

