

# Nenagh Parish

## News

16 April 2023

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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...

#### ...Farmers

Eternal Father,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
we bless you and give you glory.

Bless this seed, and make it fruitful.  
Look upon our work this season,  
and grant that the seeds we plant  
will produce plentiful crops,  
providing work and food for many.

In your love, give us favorable weather  
throughout this growing season.  
Make us truly grateful for all our gifts,  
and willing to share our goods and talents with  
others,  
especially those without adequate food.

All praise and glory are yours, Almighty Father,  
through your son Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

#### Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Mary of the Rosary | 16 April  
**Confessions and Adoration** - 2pm  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - 3pm  
**Holy Mass** - 3.30pm

The Novena leaflet will be available in the Church.

**Silver Arch Family Resource Centre, ALONE and HSE Mental Health Services for Older People** have come together to provide a free information coffee morning where you can learn more about some of the organisations and services in and around Nenagh that might be of interest to any older person who find themselves in need support or assistance or looking for ways to reconnect with families, friends and their communities.

This information coffee morning is free and will be held in Tyone Community Centre on Tuesday 18th April from 11am to 12:30pm, and all are welcome. However, spaces are limited so you can book by ringing Silver Arch Family Resource Centre reception at 067-31800.

**Ormond Octaves** in concert with Scoil Naomh Cualán and St. Joseph's College will take place on Friday 28th April 2023 at 8pm in the Borrisoleigh Sports' Complex. Tickets available from O'Connells Pharmacy, Hurley's Gala and the schools. Come along and enjoy a wonderful evening of music and song!

#### Life Lessons

##### A Prayer to Start the Day

Dear God, so far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish, and I'm really glad of that! But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen."

### Those We Remember | Sat 15 - Sun 23 April

#### St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 15th 6.15pm William Daly (1st A)  
Sun 16th 8am Philomena Duffy (A)  
Sun 16th 12noon William Toohey (A)  
Anna & Jim Spain (As)  
Annie Kennerk (A)  
John Cawley (A)  
Annie Byrne & Mary Montgomery (As)  
Peggy Boweman (A)  
Sun 16th 6pm Joe Starr (A)  
Tony Barry (A)  
Dariusz Leszczynski (A)  
Lukasz Koniuszek (A)  
Mon 17th 11am Kieran Maguire (A)  
Frances Kelly (A)  
Tues 18th 11am Margaret Stack (A)  
George Herriott (A)  
Weds 19th 8am May, Bridget & Kitty Molamphy (As)  
Fri 21st 11am Kathleen Moloney (1stA)  
Sat 22nd 6.15pm Baby David Grace Donnellan (1st A)  
Sun 23rd 12noon Mary O'Brien (A)  
Gerry McLoughlin (A)  
Billy Deveraux (A)  
Jack White (A)  
Margaret & Peter Ryan (As)  
Maureen & Christy O'Brien (As)  
Sun 23rd 6pm Joseph Coleman O'Connor (MM)

#### St John the Baptist

Sat 15th 7.30pm Rita Kirwan (A)  
Timmy & Mary Collins (As)  
Bridget & John Fogarty (As)  
Sun 16th 10.30pm Joseph & Mary Ryan (As)  
Andrew & Teresa Ryan (As) and son  
Fr. Willie Ryan  
Denis & Breda Brett (As)  
Sat 22nd 7.30pm Liam & Olive Kinsella (As)

#### Our Faithful Departed

Molly Mitchell née Shoer  
Joyce Hamilton, New Zealand  
Sean Hogan  
Jo Rice  
Maired Gill

**May They Rest In Peace. Amen.**

#### Readers | 22 -23 April 2023

**6.15pm** Joan McCarthy  
**7.30pm** Eamon Dillon  
**8.00am** Helena O'Gorman  
**10.30am** Margaret Teehan  
**12noon** Conor De Loughrey  
**6pm** Alice Darcy  
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#### NOTICE BOARD

**Weekly Collection** €4,806

Thank you as always for your generosity.

**Pharmacy on Duty** Guerin's  
**Parish Office Opening Hours**

Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm

**Nenagh Parish Finance Committee**

Meeting Wednesday 19th April in Pastoral Centre

Today's Gospel recounts events that took place after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. After Jesus was crucified and buried, on the third day, He rose from the dead, fulfilling His prophecy. On the evening of that same day, which was the first day of the week, Jesus' disciples were gathered together in a room in Jerusalem, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders.

Jesus suddenly appeared among them, even though the doors were locked, and said, "Peace be with you!" He showed them His hands and His side, which bore the scars of His crucifixion. The

disciples were overjoyed to see their risen Lord.

Jesus then breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." This was a commissioning of the disciples to carry on His work and ministry on earth. However, one of the disciples, Thomas, was not present at that time. When he heard from the others that they had seen Jesus, he expressed doubt and said he would not believe unless he could see and touch the wounds of Jesus himself. A week later, the disciples were gathered again in the same room, and this time Thomas was with them. Once again, Jesus appeared among them, even though the doors were locked, and said, "Peace be with you!" He then turned to Thomas and said, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas was overwhelmed and exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus gently rebuked him, saying, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John, the author of the Gospel, then explains that the purpose of writing this account is to testify that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him, people may have life in His name.

The story of Thomas' doubt and Jesus' appearance to him is often referred to as "Doubting Thomas" and serves as a lesson on faith and belief in Jesus as the risen Lord, even when physical proof is not available. It also emphasizes the importance of the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering the disciples to continue Jesus' work on earth and the significance of forgiveness in the Christian faith.

#### How do we avoid becoming a Doubting Thomas?

First, we must go to God in prayer when experiencing doubt. That may be the very reason God is allowing a Christian to doubt—so that we will depend on Him through prayer. Sanctification is the process of growing in Him, which includes times of doubt and times of great faith. Like the man who brought his demon-possessed child to Jesus but was unsure whether Jesus could help him, we go to God because we believe in Him and ask Him for more and greater faith to overcome our doubts, crying, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Second, we must recognise that Christians fight a spiritual battle daily. We have to gear up for the battle. The Christian needs to daily be armed with the Word of God to help fight these spiritual battles, which include fighting doubt, and we arm ourselves with the "full armor of God". As Christians, we must take advantage of the lulls in spiritual warfare to polish our spiritual armor in order to be ready for the next battle. Times of doubt will become less frequent if we take advantage of the good times to feed our faith with the Word of God. Then when we raise the shield of faith and do battle with the enemy of our souls, his flaming darts of doubt will not hit their target.

Doubting Christians have two things doubting Thomas did not have—the indwelling Holy Spirit and the written New Testament. By the power of both the Spirit and the Word, we can overcome doubts and, like Thomas, be prepared to follow our Lord and Savior and give all for Him, even our lives.