

# 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 To...

...God who is above all

All of the people of the world should praise you, my God, and be joyful as you gaze on us. For you rule the whole world with justice and you are the king of our past and future.

You have risen above all in triumph. Let all the nations praise you.

You are so far above us and your holiness is beyond our comprehension. All of the rulers of the world should bow to you and do your will.

You are splendid above all and we only want to serve you with humility.

Amen.

### Sacraments of Holy Communion & Confirmation

Friday May 26th Community School Communion @ 2.30pm

### Nenagh Charismatic Holy Spirit Prayer Group Mass on 23 May at 8pm

in the Pastoral Centre | Celebrant: Fr Pat Gilbert | All Welcome

### All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin.

### The College of St Flannan at Ennis, a history of the Killaloe Diocesan Seminary, will be launched by Michael McNamara, T.D. at Cois na hAbhna, Ennis, on Tuesday 23 May, at 8.00 p.m. All who are interested in this much anticipated volume are welcome to the launch.

### Irish Bishops' Conference - Job Vacancy

The Bishops' Conference wishes to appoint an **Accounts Administrator** to support the work of its finance team. Closing date for receipt of applications is 4.00pm on Wednesday, 24 May 2023, and more information including the job description and specification can be viewed here: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/about/careers/>

## Those We Remember | Sat 20 - Sun 28 May

### St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 20th 6.15pm Philomena (Ena) Lynch (MM)  
Donal Walsh (1st A)  
Sun 21st 12noon James Norris (1st A)  
Ger Gavin(A)  
Agnes Mc Namara (A)  
Daniel (Danny) White (A)  
Michael Quigley (A)  
Martin & Nora Mc Kenna (As)  
Sun 21st 6pm Nellie (Ellen) Abbott (A)  
Billy Shoer & Baby James (As)  
Joe & Winifred O Meara (As)  
Mon 22nd 11am Tommy & Elizabeth Treacy (As)  
Thomas, Tomás & David Ryan & Joe Gaffney (As)  
Tue 23rd 11am John & Amy Keevey (As) & deceased family members  
Bridie O Hanrahan (A)  
Wed 24th 11am Denis & Breda Brett (As)  
Chrissie Ryan (A) & deceased family members  
Thur 25th 8am Sr Eileen King (A) & deceased members of the King Family  
Jack Looney (MM)  
Sat 27th 6.15pm Seán Ó'Morónaigh (MM)  
Sun 28th 12noon Bridget Toohey (A)  
Paddy Butler (A)  
John & Mary Casey (As)  
Billy & May O'Meara (As)  
Sun 28th 6pm John Ryan (A)  
James & Teresa O'Connell & their son Martin (As)  
**St John the Baptist**  
Sat 20th 7.30pm Jim Sheehan (A)  
Gus Hegarty (A)  
Tommy & Lizzie Treacy (As)  
Michael, Des & Mikey Treacy (As)  
Sun 21st 10.30am Maura & Jimmy Lyons & Lily Glynn (As)  
Liam Gleeson & his grandson Patrick Gleeson (As)  
Gerard Sherlock (A)  
Sat 27th 7.30pm Mairead Palmer (A)

### Our Faithful Departed

Margaret (Peg) Mc Loughlin  
Michael Bourke  
Mindaugas Svanas  
Thomas Pazhayidathil  
Tim (Tadhg) Maher  
**May They Rest In Peace. Amen.**

### Readers | 27-28 May 2023

6.15pm Peggy Shoer  
7.30pm Mary Patricia Ryan  
8.00am Carolina Cernean  
10.30am Margaret Teehan  
12noon Noel Tomlinson  
6pm Martin O'Brien  
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### NOTICE BOARD

**Weekly Collection** €3,322

Thank you as always for your generosity.

**Pharmacy on Duty** Murphy's  
**Parish Office Opening Hours** Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm  
**Parish Finance Committee Meeting**

Pastoral Centre | Wednesday 24 May 7.30pm

## The Ascension of the Lord

In the Gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with his authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse.

Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

*You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say. Others read what you write, be it faithful or true. So what is the gospel according to you?*

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, never less alone than when alone ("minus solum, quam cum solus"). This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by Pope Francis.

### The Ascension of Jesus and our Christian Faith

The Ascension of Jesus is a significant event in the Christian faith. As he ascended into heaven, his disciples watched in awe, wondering what would come next. Jesus left them with a command to be his witnesses, spreading the message of salvation to all around them. This command was not only for the disciples but for all believers throughout history, including us today.

The Holy Spirit plays a central role in the Christian faith, empowering and guiding every believer. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples, and he continues to guide and empower us today. The Holy Spirit is not limited to personal transformation, but also equips us to carry out God's mission in the world. It gives us the strength, wisdom, and gifts we need to serve others, proclaim the gospel message, and work for justice and peace.

The promise of Christ's return is a central aspect of the Christian belief, bringing hope and joy to believers. Throughout the New Testament, Christ's return is described as a glorious event that will bring about the final judgment and the establishment of God's eternal kingdom. As believers, we eagerly anticipate Christ's return, knowing that our actions and choices in this life impact our eternal destiny.

In summary, the readings for the Ascension of the Lord remind us of our commission to be witnesses of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and the promise of Christ's return. May we always be faithful to this commission, living in the power of the Holy Spirit and eagerly anticipating the return of our Lord and Savior.



Ascension of Christ, National Gallery, Prague, ca. 1350



Ascension, Altarpiece from Thuisson-les-Abbeville, France. ca. 1490-1500

### Questions for the Ascension of the Lord

1. How do you feel about the commission to be a witness of Christ? Is it something that you take seriously in your daily life?
2. What are some ways that you have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? How has it helped you to serve others and carry out God's mission?
3. How does the promise of Christ's return impact your daily life? Does it give you hope and motivation to live out your faith?
4. What does being a disciple maker mean to you? How do you try to embody the love of Christ in your interactions with others?
5. Have you ever stepped out of your comfort zone to engage with someone who may have different beliefs or backgrounds? How did that experience impact you and the other person?