

Nenagh Parish News

Sunday 14 February, 2021

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Mass Times
St Mary of the Rosary
Weekend Masses:
Saturday 10am, 6.15pm
Sunday 8am | 12 noon | 6pm
Parish Radio: 106.2FM
Weekday Masses
8am, 11am | Holy Hour 5pm
Food For Thought 1pm
St John the Baptist, Tyone
Sunday 10.30am
(all Masses currently online)

Those We Remember | Sat 13 - Sun 21 Feb 2021
Sat 6.15pm: Richard & Madge Ryan and their son John also Nancy & Valley Moran (As)
Kathleen & Jimmy Grace (As)
Sun 12pm: Kathleen Mitchell (A)
Joe and Eileen Cooney and Paul Morris (As)
Paddy and Kathleen Ryan (As)
Paddy and Theresa Collins and their daughter Margaret (As)
Josephine & Patricia Ryan (As)
Rita Shanahan (A)
Billy Morrissey (A)
Sun 6pm: Mary Varghese (1st A)
Mon 8am: Josephine Powell (A)
Tues 11am: Gerard Gleeson & Brigid Ann Gleeson (As)
Wed 11am: George Mason Jnr (A)
Thurs 8am: Margaret White (A) and her husband John and deceased family members
Thurs 11am: John Hogan (1st A)
Sun 21 12noon:

**Our Faithful
Departed**
Delia O'Connell
John Frawley
Marlene Power
**May they Rest In Peace.
Amen**



The Many Saint Valentines

Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy. You can celebrate St Valentine's Day multiple times each year:

St Valentine of Raetia on 7 January
St Valentine of Rome on 14 February
St Valentine of the Eastern Orthodox Church on 6 & 30 July
St Valentine (Valentina - the only female) on 25 July
St Valentine of Viterbo on 3 November

(Note from the Editor - that's a lot of flowers & chocolate!)

The medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer may have invented the modern Valentine's Day. No record of the day exists prior to his poem, *Parliament of Fowles*, from around 1375, which refers to 14 February as the day when birds and humans come together to find a mate.

Due to confusion in the historical record, it is possible that the person we celebrate on 14 February is a combination of at least two St Valentines, both of whom were martyrs. One was a priest at Rome who performed secret weddings against the wishes of the authorities in the third century. He was imprisoned in the home of a nobleman where he healed his captor's blind daughter, causing the entire household to convert to

Christianity. For this, he was executed by beheading on 14 February. Another was a bishop at Terni and also performed secret weddings. He too was beheaded on 14 February. While this St Valentine, is said to be a composite of the first two distinct historical characters, how true are these stories? Valentine was a popular name in ancient Rome and history offers at least 50 stories of saints by this name. While these two are said to be the most credible of all, sadly there is very little word of romance involved in their bloody end.

Prayer to St Valentine

O glorious advocate and protector,
St Valentine,
look with pity upon our wants,
hear our requests,
attend to our prayers,
relieve by your intercession the miseries
under which we labour,
and obtain for us the divine blessing,
that we may be found worthy to join you
in praising the Almighty for all eternity:
through the merits of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Shrine of St Valentine in Dublin

In 1835 an Irish Carmelite named John Spratt visited Rome. Well known at home for working with the poor & destitute he was also responsible for building the new church to Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Whitefriar Street. While in Rome he was invited to preach at the famous Jesuit Church, the Gesu. The elite of Rome gathered to hear him and many showered him with gifts. One token of esteem came from Pope Gregory XVI - they were the remains of St Valentine. The Reliquary containing the remains arrived in Dublin on 10 November 1836.

NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection

Last Week's collection amounted to
€2,410 Our thanks for your generosity.

Donations & Contributions

You can now contribute to the various
Nenagh Parish Collections in a safe and
secure platform by visiting:

<https://nenaghparish.ie/donations-and-collections/>

Pharmacy on Duty Ryan's

Parish Office

Nenagh Parish Office is currently closed to
the public. Please call or email if you need
services.

Priest's Collection

A warm thank you to everyone who so
generously contributed to the Priest's
Collection last weekend.

Trócaire Boxes

Trócaire Boxes will be available at the
entrances to the churches from this weekend.

Schedule in St. Mary of the Rosary Church during Lent:

Mass each weekday 8am & 11am
Morning Prayer @ 10am
Exposition & Stations of the Cross each
weekday @ 5pm
(Due to the current restrictions please join via
the Parish Radio/Webcam)

Ash Wednesday - 17 February

In light of the restrictions we are unable to gather to celebrate Ash Wednesday. To facilitate the celebration of the beginning of Lent in our homes we are making available a Prayer Card with Blessed Ashes for all to collect at the entrance to both churches. The Prayer Card includes the wording for the sprinkling of Blessed Ash as a mark of our commitment to journey through Lent in preparation for Easter. Please collect the Prayer Card and Blessed Ashes, available from Saturday 13 Feb. Please do bring a Prayer card to other members of your Social Bubble.