

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... ...endurance

Lord,
 I am weary and don't know when this "race" will end in my life.
 I feel like I've been running forever, trying to outrun this trial.
 Help me to stop trying to outrun my pain but rather run with
 endurance the race you have set before me.
 I know that because of you I am ultimately a victor over the trials in
 my life.
 I know that nothing in this world can separate me from your
 steadfast love.
 Please give me a measure of your love today; give me the strength
 to endure this trial.
 Thank you for your love for me that never ends!
 And thank you for the crown of joy that awaits me forever in your
 Kingdom! **Amen.**

RIP Dear Friend



On behalf of generations of Priests, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and many other volunteers at St Mary of the Rosary, we offer our sympathy to the family and friends of the wonderful Mrs Christina Hctor. Mrs Hctor was beloved among us all for her service, many kindnesses and gentle presence over more than three decades in St Mary's. May She Rest In Peace.

Latteragh Graveyard

We will be celebrating our annual Mass at Latteragh on Monday evening, 10 July (time to be confirmed, probably 7pm) at Latteragh cemetery. An unattended donations bucket will be placed just inside the cemetery gate for any donations to the ongoing upkeep of the area. Everyone is invited back to the Community centre afterwards for a cup of tea/coffee and light refreshments. The AGM of the carers group will take place and we hope to be able to share some recently recovered film footage of work at Latteragh dating from our startup in 1999. All very welcome.

First Friday Vigil

A Vigil for First Friday will take place in St. Mary's of the Rosary Church, Nenagh, (entrance through the Sacristy door) commencing at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 7 July 2022, concluding at 2 a.m. on Saturday. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12.05 a.m. for Saturday. Adoration and Rosary. All are welcome to attend for all or part of the Vigil.

Those We Remember | Sat 1 July - Sun 9 July

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 1st 6.15pm Ann Shoer (MM)
 Marie Gleeson (1st A) & her husband James
 Sun 2nd 8am Jack & Agnes Lyons (As)
 Patricia Grace (A)
 Michael & Nancy Walsh (As)
 Sun 2nd 12 noon Ronnez Lansangan(MM)
 Roger Lansangan (1st A)
 Edward & Nancy Costello (As)
 Teresa & Paddy Holland (As)
 Kathleen Grace (A)
 Sun 2nd 6pm Paddy, Molly, and Tom O'Donoghue (As)
 Margaret Collins (A)
 Mon 3rd 11am Denis & Maureen Kennedy (As)
 Tues 4th 8am Siobhan Roughan (A)
 Tues 4th 11am Annie Richardson (A)
 Wed 5th 11am Martin & Nessa Hudner (As)
 Thur 6th 11am Kellyann Foran (MM)
 Sat 8th 6.15pm Richard Coghlan (MM)
 Sun 9th 12 noon Majella Cooney (1st A)
 Bridie McLoughlin (A)
 James & Philomena Ryan (As)
 Concepta Elia (nee O'Brien) who died recently.

St John the Baptist

Sat 1st 7.30pm Peggy O'Malley (A)
 Sun 9th 10.30am Jim Lee (A)

Our Faithful Departed

Mai Elliott
 Christina Hctor
 Peter Malone died recently in Essex, UK. Husband of Maura Brown, Knockanpierce, Nenagh
May They Rest In Peace. Amen.

Readers | 8-9 July 2023

6.15pm Liam Gleeson
 7.30pm Mary Patricia Ryan
 8am Paul O'Dwyer
 10.30am Patricia Fitzgerald
 12noon Noel Tomlinson
 6pm Delsey Pauly
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NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection €3,065

Thank you as always for your generosity.
Parish Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm

Silver Arch Family Resource Centre are delighted to offer the following rescheduled programmes taking place in Borrisokane this July:

A Health and Wellbeing Programme for Over 60's – a 6 weeks that looks at practical ways of incorporating good habits to help you age well through exercise, diet and social engagement – starting Monday 10th July at 11am in Silver Arch FRC Outreach Office, Main Street, Borrisokane, total cost of €10 per person for all six weeks.

A free Healthy Food Made Easy 6 week programme for anyone interested in improving knowledge of nutrition and preparing healthier meals – also starting Monday 10th July at 2pm in Silver Arch FRC Outreach Office, Main Street, Borrisokane.

St Elizabeth of Portugal

On July 4, the Catholic Church celebrates St. Elizabeth of Portugal, a queen who served the poor and helped her country avoid war during the 13th and 14th centuries.

Elizabeth of Portugal was named for her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, who was canonized in 1235. Their lives were similar in some important ways: both of them were married at very young ages, they sought to live the precepts of the Gospel despite their status as royalty, and finished their lives as members of the Third Order of St. Francis.

The younger Elizabeth was born in 1271, the daughter of King Pedro III of Aragon and his wife Constantia. Even in her youth, Elizabeth showed a notable devotion to God through fasting, regular prayer, and a sense of life's seriousness. While still very young, she was married to King Diniz of Portugal, a marriage that would put her faith and patience to the test.

King Diniz was faithfully devoted to his country, known as the "Worker King" because of his diligence. Unfortunately, he generally failed to live out the same faithfulness toward his wife, although he is said to have repented of his years of infidelity before his death. Diniz and Elizabeth had two children, but the king fathered an additional seven children with other women.

Many members of the king's court likewise embraced or accepted various forms of immorality, and it would have been easy for the young queen to fall into these vices herself. But Elizabeth remained intent on doing God's will with a humble and charitable attitude. Rather than using her status as queen to pursue her own satisfaction, she sought to advance Christ's reign on earth.

Like her namesake and great-aunt Elizabeth of Hungary, Elizabeth of Portugal was a devoted patroness and personal friend of the poor and sick, and she compelled the women who served her at court to care for them as well. The queen's bishop testified that she had a custom of secretly inviting in lepers, whom she would bathe and clothe, even though the law of the land barred them from approaching the castle.

Elizabeth's commitment to the Gospel also became evident when she intervened to prevent civil war in the kingdom on two occasions. Alfonso, the only son of Diniz and Elizabeth, resented the king's indulgent treatment of one of his illegitimate sons, to the point that the father and son gathered together rival armies that were on the brink of open war in 1323.

On this occasion, St. Elizabeth placed herself between the two opposing armies, insisting that Diniz and Alfonso come to terms and make peace with one another. In 1336, the last year of her life, she intervened in a similar manner to prevent her son from waging war against the King of Castile for his poor treatment of Alfonso's own daughter.

Following King Diniz's death in 1325, Elizabeth had become a Franciscan of the Third Order, and had gone to live in a convent that she had established some years before. The testimony of miracles accomplished through her intercession, after her death in 1336, contributed to her canonization by Pope Urban VIII in 1625.

Pope Francis: The Holy Spirit and Christian Harmony

Christians must welcome the Holy Spirit as the guide leading the whole Christian community toward unity, Pope Francis has said. Speaking to members of the International Commission for Dialogue between the Disciples of Christ and the Catholic Church at the Vatican on 28 June, the pope said that Christian unity comes from "walking together" while remaining open to the Spirit's role in creating harmony amid the differences between Christians.

Francis recalled how on the morning of Pentecost the Spirit created harmony from the "great 'division' of many charisms" among the apostles. Yet, he said, harmony in the Spirit is more than a "negotiation" between different sides; it opens "new and unforeseen paths" of unity that formerly seemed closed off.

"Let us not be afraid therefore of walking the paths of concord that the Spirit points out, not those of spiritual worldliness -- which want to conform us to the needs and trends of the time -- but the paths of communion and mission," he said.

The international dialogue commission chose as the theme for its 2020-2025 dialogue phase, "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit" with the aim of identifying common theological foundations regarding the Holy Spirit's guidance in the ministry of the two churches.

The pope said that while the Spirit "gives the church the memory to remain in apostolic tradition," it is also the forward-looking guide that "keeps the Christian community young."

The Spirit, he said, gives Christians "the strength to go forth in praise of (Jesus') name, glorifying him."

"In that way, the Holy Spirit keeps our spirit from the temptation of sadness and being self-referential," the pope said.