

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



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Season of Creation | 2023 Theme: This year we will unite around the theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow."

The world humans have known, enjoyed and celebrated is changing rapidly beyond repair. Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The hope of keeping average temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius is fading. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. Industrialization, colonization and the extraction and consumption of resources have created great wealth, unequally distributed. We are presently more aware than ever of the link between fossil fuels, & violence & war.

The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, at the same time that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. Instead of despair, hope can be created if we work together as the People of God. By the Creator's infinite love and mercy, streams can rise in the desert. An economy of peace can be built instead of an economy based on conflict.

Our prayers, sermons and liturgies must call for justice not only for humans but for all Creation. Justice, allied with peace, calls us to repent of our ecological sins and to change our attitudes and actions. Righteousness demands that we live in peace, not conflict with our human neighbors, and building right relationships with all of Creation. Our individual actions during the Season of Creation are important. We must also recognise that, for a mighty movement of justice, individual actions are not enough. Justice also includes paying historic debts. At a global level, nations with power and wealth have a duty to deal justly and honestly with communities that suffer most from the climate and ecological crises. Global South nations, working together for more than 30 years, have just managed to win a victory at COP27 in making wealthier nations realize their moral duty to provide for financing for loss and damage. The recent decisions at COP15 to preserve biodiversity are also hopeful and required similar perseverance. These victories have been achieved by those with less power working together. Together we can be a mighty river of justice and peace, that brings new life to Earth and future generations, a river that can move the mountains of injustice. As an ecumenical family, we can engage in these actions and contribute to ensure that the web of life is preserved and cared for. Through prayer, practical advocacy and sustainable actions, this 2023 Season of Creation can prophetically renew our ecumenical unity and care for our common home. May we journey together in communion as the people of God to let justice and peace flow!

The Story of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist (29 August)

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man to give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11). Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37). It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For.. ...our educators during the year ahead

Dear Lord, we ask for your blessings on the teachers in our schools. We pray for their safety, their health and their well-being. We ask that you give them the wisdom and knowledge they need to teach and to guide their students. We pray that they may be blessed with your grace and that they may be able to reach the hearts and minds of their students.

Amen

First Friday/First Saturday Vigil

A Vigil for First Friday/First Saturday will take place in the Sacristy of St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary commencing at 7.30 p.m. Friday September 1, 2023. Holy Mass for first Saturday 12 midnight, concluding at 2 a.m. on Saturday. Adoration and Rosary. All are welcome to attend all or part of the Vigil. (Entrance through the Sacristy door of the Church).

Profile: St Augustine



On August 28, the Church honours St. Augustine. St. Augustine was born at the town of Thagaste (now Souk-Ahras in modern day Algeria) on November 13, 354 and grew to become one the most significant and influential thinkers in the history of the Catholic Church. His teachings were the foundation of Christian doctrine for a millennium.

The story of his life, up until his conversion, is written in the autobiographical Confessions, the most intimate and well-known glimpse into an individual's soul ever written, as well as a fascinating philosophical, theological, mystical, poetic and literary work. Augustine,

though being brought up in early childhood as a Christian, lived a dissolute life of revelry and sin, and soon drifted away from the Church - thinking that he wasn't necessarily leaving Christ, of whose name he acknowledges "I kept it in the recesses of my heart; and all that presented itself to me without that Divine name, though it might be elegant, well written, and even replete with truth, did not altogether carry me away" (Confessions, I, iv).

He went to study in Carthage and became well-known in the city for his brilliant mind and rhetorical skills and sought a career as an orator or lawyer. But he also discovered and fell in love with philosophy at the age of 19, a love he pursued with great vehemence.

He was attracted to Manichaeism at this time, after its devotees had promised him that they had scientific answers to the mystery of nature, could disprove the Scriptures, and could explain the problem of evil. Augustine became a follower for nine years, learning all there was to learn in it before rejecting it as incoherent and fraudulent.

He went to Rome and then Milan in 386 where he met Saint Ambrose, the bishop and Doctor of the Church, whose sermons inspired him to look for the truth he had always sought in the faith he had rejected. He received baptism and soon after, his mother, Saint Monica, died with the knowledge that all she had hoped for in this world had been fulfilled.

He returned to Africa, to his hometown of Tagaste, "having now cast off from himself the cares of the world, he lived for God with those who accompanied him, in fasting, prayers, and good works, meditating on the law of the Lord by day and by night."

On a visit to Hippo he was proclaimed priest and then bishop against his will. He later accepted it as the will of God and spent the rest of his life as the pastor of the North African town, where he spent much time refuting the writings of heretics. Augustine also wrote, The City of God, against the pagans who charged that the fall of the Roman empire, which was taking place at the hands of the Vandals, was due to the spread of Christianity. On August 28, 430, as Hippo was under siege by the Vandals, Augustine died, at the age of 76. His legacy continues to deeply shape the face of the Church to this day.

Those We Remember | Sat 26 Aug - Sun 3 Sept

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 26th 6.15pm	Mary Kinehan (1stA) Maureen McKinlay (1stA)
Sun 27th 8am	Nora O'Brien (A)
Sun 27th 12 noon	Kathleen Maher (1stA) Margaret Ryan (A) Nancy & Stephen Mitchell (As) & deceased family members Oliver Cleere (A) Tom Talbot (A) Paudie Delaney (A) Luke Max Hogan (A) Roisin Grant (A) May Walsh (A) John Looney (A) & his sons Richard & Jack & the Burke Family John & Anne Mulroe (As) & Family Eugene Hackett (MM) Billy & Betty White (As) Breda Morrissey (A) William Costello (A) Billy Ryan (A) Eileen & John Cahill & Sarah & Tom Sexton (As) Joe & Juliana O'Halloran (As) Michael Grey & his daughter Liz (As) & deceased family members.
Wed 30th 11am	
Fri 1st 11am	
Sun 3rd 12noon	
Sun 3rd 6pm	
Sat 26th 7.30pm	
Sat 2nd 7.30pm	

St John the Baptist

John & Anne O'Connor (As)
Kevin Dwan (A)

Our Faithful Departed

Anne Gleeson

May She Rest In Peace. Amen.

Readers | 2-3 Sept 2023

6.15pm	Liam Gleeson
7.30pm	Kevin Costello
8am	Carolina Cernean
10.30am	Deborah O'Driscoll
12noon	Adrian McIntyre
6pm	Alice Darcy

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NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection €3,155

(figure omitted in error from last weekend's newsletter €3,498)

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

Life Lessons

God never sends you into a situation alone. God goes before you. He stands beside you. He walks behind you. Whatever situation you have right now, be confident. God is with you.

Wishing Our Students a Bright School Year Ahead!

As the summer holidays come to a close, we extend our warmest wishes to the students of our community who are about to embark on a new academic journey. Your dedication and enthusiasm inspire us all. May this school year be filled with exciting challenges, joyful discoveries, and unforgettable memories. May you find success in your studies & friendships that last a lifetime. Remember, everyone in Nenagh Parish stands behind you with support and encouragement every step of the way. **Good luck and happiness in the school year ahead!**