

## 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 Of... ...thanksgiving for our farming community

I give thanks to you, Lord over all the earth.  
I give thanks to you, Saviour, redeemer, forgiver of my sins.  
I give thanks to you who made the sun and rain,  
I give thanks to you for new growth that rises from fertile land.  
I give thanks to you for harvests of grain, for nourishing bread.  
I give thanks to you for fruit and vegetables, full of goodness.  
I give thanks to you for refreshing milk and eggs freshly laid.  
I give thanks to you for the hearty and healthy provision of meat and fish.  
I give thanks to you for all your great bounty.  
Surely we taste your goodness today with truly thankful hearts.  
**Amen**

#### Job Opportunity

NIPARC CLG are seeking to employ a Caretaker/Manager under the Pobal Community Services Programme for our facility at the New Institute Facility Friar St Nenagh Co Tipperary. The Key Duties are as follows:

- Manage Bookings
- Promote the facility
- Prepare meetings rooms and halls for all activities
- Responsible for all the cleaning and reporting of repairs to the committee
- Attend to all the maintenance
- The appointed candidate will also be required to carry out administrative duties

Eligibility to participate under the Pobal Scheme must be 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for one year or more. Your eligibility must be verified by the Department. Applications will be required to supply suitable Character references and complete a Garda Vetting Form. This position is partially funded by Pobal N.I.P.A.R.C as an equal opportunities Employer. Applications should be submitted via email with a CV attached to [dromgrace5@gmail.com](mailto:dromgrace5@gmail.com) **Closing Date 18th August 2023**

#### Profile: St Clare of Assisi (Feast Day: 11 August)

"Go forth without fear, Christian soul, for you have a good guide for your journey. Go forth without fear, for He that created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother." - Saint Clare, on her deathbed in 1253

Saint Clare was born in 1193 in Assisi to a noble family. Before her birth, her mother received a sign that her daughter would be a bright light of God in the world. As a child she was already very strongly drawn to the things of God, praying fervently, devoutly visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and manifesting a tender love towards the poor. When she was 18, she heard St. Francis preaching in the town square during Lent and she knew at once that God wanted her to consecrate herself to Him. The next evening, Clare left her house at night, ran to meet St. Francis and his companions at the church they were staying in, and shared her desire to follow him in his way of life. He received her, gave her his tunic, cut off her golden locks, and sent her to a Benedictine convent, because she could not stay with the brothers. Her younger sister Agnes soon joined her and the two had to resist much pressure from their family to return home. When Clare was 22, St. Francis placed her in a small house beside the convent and made her superior, a post she should serve for the next 42 years of her life until her death.

The 'Poor Clares' as they came to be known, lived an unusually austere life for women of the time, walking barefoot around the town begging for alms, wearing sackcloth, and living without any possessions, completely dependent for their food on what was given to them. But the emphasis of their lives was, and still is, contemplation. Many young noble women left all they had to take on the poor habit of Clare and the order grew rapidly, with houses being founded all over Italy, all of whom took St. Clare as their model and inspiration.

Clare's reputation for holiness was such that the Pope himself came to her deathbed in 1253 to give her absolution, and wanted to canonize her immediately on her death, but was advised by his cardinals to wait. Clare died in absolute tranquility, saying to one of the brothers at her side "Dear brother, ever since through His servant Francis I have known the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I have never in my whole life found any pain or sickness that could trouble me."

**She was canonized in 1255, two years after her death.**

#### Those We Remember | Sat 5 - Sun 13 August

##### St Mary of the Rosary

Sun 6th 8am	Edward Hassett (A) & deceased family members
Sun 6th 12noon	Paul Byrne (MM) Eileen Lowney (1st A) John Walsh & his brother Michael (As) Christy, Mary & Tony Toohey (As) Sarah, Paddy & Donal Cleary (As) Martin & Elizabeth Browne (As) & deceased family members Kathleen O'Brien (A), her daughter Maureen Galliea & deceased family members
Sun 6th 6pm	Mary & Paddy Joe Shoer (As) & deceased family members Carol Henry (A) Jim Monaghan (A) Jim Monaghan (A) Fr. Dan Fitzgerald Patricia Duffield (A) Matty, Cait & Georgie Shoer (As) Michael Walsh & Fr. Dan Fitzgerald (As) William Fogarty (1st A) Joe Mitchell & deceased family members Billy Costello (A) Agatha Gilmartin (A) Jim Monaghan (A) & deceased family members Michael Fogarty (A) Tomas Walsh (A)
Tues 8th 8am	
Tues 8th 11am	
Weds 9th 8am	
Thurs 10th 11am	
Fri 11th 8am	
Fri 11th 11am	
Sun 13th 12noon	
Sun 13th 6pm	
Sat 5th 7.30pm	
Sun 6th 10.30am	
Sun 13th 10.30am	

##### St John the Baptist

Tom Haugh (A)  
Josette McGrath, Joe Daly & Tess Daly (As)  
May Malone (A)  
James & Bridget Hickey (As)  
Moss Fagan (A)  
Marian Healy (A) & her parents Tommy & Teresa Healy

#### Readers | 12-13 August 2023

6.15pm	Joan McCarthy
7.30pm	Ann Marie McCann
8am	Tess O'Kennedy
10.30am	Patricia Fitzgerald
12noon	Eilish Carter
6pm	Alice Darcy

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#### Our Faithful Departed

Martin Killackey  
**May He Rest In Peace. Amen.**

#### NOTICE BOARD

**Weekly Collection** €3,012 Thank you as always for your generosity.

**Parish Office Opening Hours** Tues-Fri | 9am-5pm  
**Bank Holiday Monday** No 8am Mass

#### Volunteers Needed. Is this for you?

Would you like to explore the possibility of joining the new lay Funeral Team for Nenagh Parish and the Odhran Pastoral Area? Such teams are emerging in parishes all across Ireland as priests get fewer and fewer. If you are interested in being part of this important new initiative, please leave your name and phone number into Nenagh Parish Office for the attention of the Funeral Team Organiser, who will get back to you.  
**We will provide training in October.**

## The Transfiguration of the Lord



### The Transfiguration

Both Roman and Eastern rite Catholics celebrate the Church's feast of the Transfiguration today, August 6, on its traditional date for both calendars. The feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light. Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing. During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14). In his address before the Angelus on August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the "full manifestation of God's light." This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the transfiguration and after his resurrection, is

ultimately triumphant over "the power of the darkness of evil." The Pope stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as "the light of the world," and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light. "In our time too," Pope Benedict said, "we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!"

For Eastern Catholics, the Feast of the Transfiguration is especially significant. It is among the 12 "great feasts" of Eastern Catholicism. Eastern Christianity emphasizes that Christ's transfiguration is the prototype of spiritual illumination, which is possible for the committed disciple of Jesus. This Christian form of "enlightenment" is facilitated by the ascetic disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charitable almsgiving.

A revered hierarch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, the late Archbishop Joseph Raya, described this traditional Byzantine view of the transfiguration in his book of meditations on the Biblical event and its liturgical celebration, titled "Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." "Transfiguration," Archbishop Raya wrote, "is not simply an event out of the two-thousand-year old past, or a future yet to come. It is rather a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ's nearness."