

Nenagh Parish News

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**Have you read the joint
statment from:**

**Pope Francis
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and
Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury**



Find it on:
www.seasonofcreation.org

The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 September

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

**Fr Pat Gilbert
Fr Rexon Chullickal**

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

World Suicide Prevention Day 10 September 2023

Get to know what mental health supports and services are available, and tell more people about them. Speak with a GP about what might be available locally. Tell your family, your friends, your colleagues – you never know when someone might need them. Many are open 24/7 and you can make contact in different ways, for example:

- on the phone – Samaritans, visit www.samaritans.ie or freephone 116 123
- by text message – Text About It, text HELLO to 50808, visit www.textaboutit.ie
- online – MyMind, visit www.mymind.org
- face-to-face – Pieta, visit www.pieta.ie or freephone 1800 247 247

You can also call the HSE YourMentalHealth Information Line, anytime day or night, for information on mental health, and what other services and supports are available near you – freephone 1800 111 888 or visit www.yourmentalhealth.ie.

Profile: Saint John Chrysostom (13 September)

The ambiguity and intrigue surrounding John, the great preacher (his name means "golden-mouthed") from Antioch, are characteristic of the life of any great man in a capital city. Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire. Ascetic, unimposing but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics.

If his body was weak, his tongue was powerful. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty. Some sermons lasted up to two hours.

His lifestyle at the imperial court was not appreciated by many courtiers. He offered a modest table to episcopal sycophants hanging around for imperial and ecclesiastical favors. John deplored the court protocol that accorded him precedence before the highest state officials. He would not be a kept man.

His zeal led him to decisive action. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing from John that private property existed because of Adam's fall from grace any more than married men liked to hear that they were bound to marital fidelity just as much as their wives were. When it came to justice and charity, John acknowledged no double standards.

Aloof, energetic, outspoken, especially when he became excited in the pulpit, John was a sure target for criticism and personal trouble. He was accused of gorging himself secretly on rich wines and fine foods. His faithfulness as spiritual director to the rich widow, Olympia, provoked much gossip attempting to prove him a hypocrite where wealth and chastity were concerned. His actions taken against unworthy bishops in Asia Minor were viewed by other ecclesiastics as a greedy, uncanonical extension of his authority.

Theophilus, archbishop of Alexandria, & Empress Eudoxia were determined to discredit John. Theophilus feared the growth in importance of the Bishop of Constantinople & took occasion to charge John with fostering heresy. Theophilus & other angered bishops were supported by Eudoxia. The empress resented his sermons contrasting gospel values with the excesses of imperial court life. Whether intended or not, sermons mentioning the lurid Jezebel and impious Herodias were associated with the empress, who finally did manage to have John exiled. He died in exile in 407.

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...our planet

All powerful God,
 you are present in the universe
 and in the smallest of your creatures.
 You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
 Pour out upon us the power of your love,
 that we may protect life and beauty.
 Fill us with your peace, that we may live
 as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
 O God of the poor,
 help us to rescue the abandoned
 and forgotten of this earth,
 so precious in your eyes.
 Bring healing to our lives,
 that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
 that we may sow beauty,
 not pollution and destruction.
 Touch the hearts
 of those who look only for gain
 at the expense of the poor and the earth.
 Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
 to be filled with awe and contemplation,
 to recognize that we are profoundly united
 with every creature
 as we journey towards your infinite light.
 We thank you for being with us each day.
 Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
 for justice, love and peace.

Amen

Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

Day: Every Moday

Time: 8-9pm **Location:** Nenagh Pastoral Centre

If you have a desire to stop gambling then this is the meeting for you.
 All are welcome!

Nenagh Blood Donation Clinic

Location: Nenagh Scouts Hall

Days: Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th
 September.

Time: 4.50 – 8.10pm

New Donors welcome

Please call 1800 222 111 for appointment.

The demand from hospitals continues to rise. Current hospital blood requirement are nearly 6% higher than requirements this time last year. Donors of all blood types are welcome and we are in particular need of type O Negative. O negative donors are often called 'universal donors' because anyone can receive the red blood cells from their donations and it can be used for emergency transfusions.

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023

A Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2pm. Speakers for this years Conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris OP

Evangelium Ireland will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork City on Saturday, 7 October beginning at 11.00am and concluding at 4.30pm. The theme of the conference is Towards Lifelong Formation. Speakers: Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan Defending the Faith in the Public Square; Fr Eamon Roche 'Until Christ be Formed in You' – A Roadmap for Catechesis and Christian Formation; Fr Patrick Cahill Studying Discipleship at the School of Mary. Cost: €15 including refreshments. For more information about Evangelium Ireland and to register go to www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite.

Lost and Found

Wallet found in the car park at St John the Baptist Church / Hospital containing a sum of money (Sat 2 Sept). It can be claimed at Nenagh Garda Station. Also, a phone was found in St Mary of the Rosary on Friday last, 1 September and can be claimed in the Parish Office.

Those We Remember | Sat 9 - Sun 17 Sept

St Mary of the Rosary

Sun 10th 12noon	Denis Finn (A) Jimmy Mc Grath (A) Aidan Minogue (A) & his wife Joan Noreen Kelly (A) Paddy & Molly Ayres (As) Annie Lennon (A) Liam Reddan (A)
Sun 10th 6pm	Paddy Joe, Paul & Pa Maher (As) & deceased family members Patrick & Ellen Nihill (As) Peg & Jimmie Gleeson (As) Theresa Walsh (nee mc Mahon) (1st A) Stephen & Delia Kennedy (As) Richard & Mary Huntley (As) Jimmy Conway (A) Anna Kennedy (A) Francie Ryan (A)
Mon 11th 8am Tue 12th 11am Wed 13th 8am Wed 13th 11am	John Tucker (1st A) John & Cora Mc Loughlin (A) James (Buddy) Fitzpatrick (A) Ger Gleeson (A) Margaret Lee (A) Nancy & Ned Costello (As) Eileen & Martin Fury & their son Martin & Margaret Pigott & Kathleen McDonald
Thur 14th 11am Sat 16th 6.15pm Sun 17th 12noon	John Murphy (A) Joseph Cassidy (A) & deceased members of the Cassidy & Barry families
Sun 17th 6pm	

St John the Baptist

Sat 9th 7.30pm Sun 10th 10.30am	Seanie & Jimmy Morrissey (As) Tony & Eileen Treacy (As) Olive Keogh (A) Ann & Kevin Hassett (As) Patrick Ryan (A) Frank Manning (A)
Sat 16th 7.30pm	

Our Faithful Departed

Kathleen (Kitty) Ashman (nee Moroney)
 Sharon Kennedy (nee Mc Grath)
 Mary Bonfield (nee Collins)
May They Rest In Peace. Amen.

Readers | 16-17 Sept 2023

6.15pm	Peggy Shoer
7.30pm	Miriam Toohey
8am	Helena O'Gorman
10.30am	Bridget White
12noon	Paddy Rohan
6pm	Martin O'Brien

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NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection €4,130

Thank you as always for your ongoing generosity.

Parish Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm

Nenagh Parish Finance Committee

September meeting in the Pastoral Centre Wednesday 13 September at 7.30pm

Coffee Morning

Thursday 21 September in Suaimhneas Cancer Support Centre from 10am to 1pm