

## 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  
 Polish Mass | Last Sunday Each Month | 1pm

## CHRISTMAS 2023

### Triduum Mass Intentions

Christmas Triduum Mass Intentions, an ideal way to link with our loved ones this Christmas is to send them a Parish Christmas card and include them in our Christmas Triduum of Masses. Cards are available in the Parish Office and shop at St Mary of the Rosary. Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul and Nenagh Lions Club Appeal.

### Profile: St Laurence O'Toole (14 November)

St Laurence O'Toole (Lorcán Ó Tuathail) was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1128. He became Abbot of Glendalough in 1153 and Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He died in Eu in Normandy on the 14th of November 1180 and was canonised in 1225. His eventful life can be summarised under eight headings.

#### 1. HOSTAGE

Laurences father was Maurice O'Toole, King of Hy Murray. When Laurence was 10 he was given as a hostage to Dermot McMurrough, King of Leinster, who treated him with great harshness. The boy was sent in chains to a remote area where he was ill-housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed. For two years, the kings son learned what it was to experience real poverty and oppression.

#### 2. MONK

After two years, Dermot was forced to release Laurence and send him to Glendalough monastery, where his father could reclaim him. When Maurice arrived, he found his son had fallen in love with the life of the monks and he gave him permission to join the community. Laurence was only 25 when he was elected Abbot, and he proved to be the greatest Abbot of Glendalough since St Kevin its founder. He encouraged learning, built new churches and renewed -monastic life by bringing in monks from the continent. He was unfailing in his care for the poor and sold the monastery treasures to feed famine victims.

#### 3. ARCHBISHOP

In 1162 Laurence became the first Irish Archbishop of the Danish city of Dublin. Many of the citizens were no more than nominal Christians and he made it his duty to deepen their faith and reform their lives. He introduced Augustinian monks from France to Christ Church Cathedral to reform the liturgy and he became a member of their community. He continued his works of charity, especially towards homeless children, whom he led and housed in his own residence.

#### 4. CONTEMPLATIVE

Laurence was a man of prayer. He rose in the early hours to sing the office with the other monks in the cathedral and often stayed on afterwards, deep in prayer. Then he would walk for a time in the graveyard, watching and praying over the city as it woke to another day. When his duties allowed him, he liked nothing better than to escape to

## IN NOVEMBER... WE REMEMBER



Glendalough and spend a few days in solitude in a lakeside hermitage which could be reached only by boat.

#### 5. MEDIATOR

The Normans landed in Ireland in 1190. The following year they besieged Dublin under their leader, Strongbow. Laurence met Strongbow to arrange a peace but the Normans attacked while the talks were going on. They seized the city, and began killing the citizens and looting their houses. Laurence saved the lives of many by the sheer force of his presence and he carried the bodies of others in his own arms to be buried. In spite of many setbacks, he was to continue his efforts as peace-maker to the end of his life.

#### 6. TRAVELLER

For the last ten years of his life, Laurence was a constant traveller. He often visited England in his efforts to bring about peace between the two countries.

Sea travel was hazardous and shipwrecks were common. More than once, his ship was caught in a violent storm and its safe arrival was attributed to the power of his prayer. Travellers believed that when he was on board, they had nothing to fear. His efforts were not entirely in vain. In 1175 he was one of the signers of the Treaty of Windsor between Englands King Henry II and Irelands High King, Roderick O'Connor.

#### 7. LEGATE

Laurence led the six Irish bishops who attended the Third Lateran Council in Rome in 1179. Pope Alexander III was so impressed that he appointed him Papal Legate to Ireland with the responsibility of reforming the Church in Ireland and defending it against attack. On his return, Laurence summoned a council of the Irish Church at Clonfert which took firm action against the abuses of the time. It was only his death that prevented him from completing his work of reformation.

#### 8. SAINT

Laurence left Dublin for the last time in the spring of 1180. His mission was to settle a dispute that had arisen between the English and Irish Kings. Henry II, the man responsible for the murder of St Thomas a Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, received him badly, abused him roundly and forbade him to return to Ireland. Then he went to visit his dominions in Normandy. Laurence followed him, sick and exhausted though he was. He died in the monastery at Eu, without having met the King. His tomb in Eu rapidly became a place of pilgrimage and many miracles were attributed to his intercession. He was canonised in 1225.

## This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...those who have died through violence

Lord we remember those who died suddenly or through violence. We ask you to be with their loved ones in a special way as they come to terms with the tragedy of their loss. We pray in a special way for peace in our world; in our communities and in our homes. May we learn to love one another with the compassionate love of God.

Amen

### Defibs for Life

#### CPR/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Due to the addition of a number of many new defibrillators in the community, Defibs For Life Nenagh are holding a number of life saving training sessions on how to perform CPR and use of a defibrillator.

#### Book early to secure a place

Basic course Free of charge

Certified for 2 years €25

Nenagh Éire Óg Complex, E45HY06

#### Upcoming dates

Wednesday November 15th 7pm

Wednesday November 22nd 7pm

#### To book a place:

Text : 0861718779 or email : defibsforlife@gmail.com

**Killaloe Diocese**  
invites you to  
**An Adult Faith Formation**  
 Pathway to Advent, series  
**Wednesday Nov 15th, 22nd 29th**  
**8pm— 9.15pm**  
**'Do this in memory of me'**  
**Deepening our experience of the Mass**  
**Night two: Nov 15th**  
**"God's word in Scripture**  
**great reading, great listening!"**  
**Followed by a facilitated discussion**  
**Where: Pastoral Centre**  
**Church rd**  
**Nenagh**

Light  
Refreshments  
To  
conclude



Night three  
Nov 22nd  
Please bring  
a friend

**November Offerings**  
 Envelopes for the November Offerings  
 are now available in both churches.

### Those We Remember | Sat 11-Sun 19 Nov

#### St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 11th 6.15pm	Mary Daly (MM)
Sun 12th 12 noon	Deceased members of the Mulcahy family (As)
	Jack & Nancy Gleeson (As)
	Patrick Ryan (A)
	Rose Ellen Hogan (A)
	Tom & Joan Quigley (As) and deceased members of the Quigley & Healy families
	Patricia O'Grady (A)
	Deceased members of the O'Brien family
Sun 12th 6pm	Mary Morgan (A)
	Eugene Morrissey (A)
	Stan Henry (A)
Mon 13th 11am	Noreen Keevey (A)
Tues 14th 11am	Geraldine Appelbe (A), Mary Draper & deceased family members
	Honor & Moll Cleary (As) & deceased members of the Cleary families
Thurs 16th 8am	Teresa Lindsay (MM)
Sat 18th 6.15pm	Denis (Decie) Hassett (MM)
Sun 19th 12 noon	Antoinette Kennedy (1st A)
	Gabrielle Nugent (A)
	Joanie Ryan (A)
	Maureen & Michael Delaney (As)
	Sarah & Martin Clear (As) & deceased family members
	Bernie Morris (A)
	Mary Greed (A)
Sun 19th 6pm	Bernard Byrne (A)
	Nancy Hogan (A)

#### St John the Baptist

Sat 11th 7.30pm	John Ryan (A)
	Sean Naughton (A)
	Rory Flannery (A) & Dick & Cissie Stokes
	Olive & Tony Foran (As)
	Cornelius Ryan (A) & deceased family members
Sun 12th 10.30am	John & Breda Kissane (As)
	Michael Gilmartin (A)
Sun 19th 10.30am	Noreen Flannery (A)

#### Our Faithful Departed

Philomena Hession  
**May She Rest In Peace. Amen.**

### Readers | 18-19 November 2023

6.15pm	Mary McGrath
7.30pm	Eamonn Dillon
8am	Van Geraghty
10.30am	Donal Mackey
12noon	Conor de Loughrey / Danka Par
6pm	Martin O'Brien

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### NOTICE BOARD

#### Weekly Collection €3,837

Thank you as always for your ongoing generosity.  
**Parish Office Opening Hours** Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm  
**Parish Finance Committee** | November meeting will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 15 November at 7.30pm