

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

Shaun Hilmi | Memory Walk/Run

A walk/run in memory of Shaun Hilmi will set out from Nenagh CBS on New Year's Day at 11am. There will be a bucket collection on the day for **North Tipp Hospice & Sarcoma Cancer Ireland** & raffle tickets to purchase with lovely prizes to win.

Bishops Alan McGuckian & Brendan Leahy report on the Synodal Assembly in Rome

Bishop Leahy & Bishop McGuckian were nominated by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference who attended the XVI Synodal Assembly from 4-29 October in Rome, on the theme: 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission'. They presented a report of their Synod experience, & outlined four main points: **The Experience** – Bishop Leahy and Bishop McGuckian said, "the Synodal Assembly was a deeply intense experience, spiritually, culturally and theologically. Our first word in response is "thanks" – to God for this grace and to all who contributed so generously over the past two years to the Synodal pathway in parishes and religious congregations, dioceses, movements and organisations. There was much prayer during the XVI Synodal Assembly. We started with an ecumenical prayer service and then three days of a retreat with Father Timothy Radcliffe OP and Mother Maria Angelini OSB. Apart from the daily prayers during the Synod, we had special moments of prayer for refugees and migrants and for peace. We visited the catacombs in a pilgrimage of prayer. Throughout our deliberations in the Synod hall, there were regular periods of silence to take on board what was being said by others and to pray. The format for this Synodal Assembly was completely different to previous synods, with a "Conversations in the Spirit" methodology & round-table group work." **Take-Aways** – The bishops said, "The biggest outcome from the Synodal Assembly is probably the emphasis on the "Conversations in the Spirit". The four weeks were an intense learning by doing with the constant repetition of the method. The desire emerged that this method, perhaps tweaked according to context, will spread now throughout the Church. The way the modules or sections of the Assembly worked was that we were seated in groups of 11 with a facilitator for each group. Each group had a specific topic that it discussed over a period of approximately three days and then the members moved on to another group and another topic. After a period of prayer to begin each session, each person was given four minutes to put forward their perspective on the topic, without interruptions from others. This was followed by a period of silence and prayer. In a second round, each of us got four minutes to say what had struck us listening to the others – what

had resonated positively for us and what had prompted resistance in us." **Actions emerging from the Final Synthesis** Bishop Leahy and Bishop McGuckian continued to say, "At times there was a sense among some participants that the Synod was biting off more than it could chew. The final Synthesis reflects the many, many topics touched upon. It is a little miracle how the teams of writers managed to pull it all together. Sister Patricia Murray, an Irish Loreto Sister, was nominated by the Pope as a member of the editing commission for the Final Synthesis. The Final Synthesis document provides a rich theological grounding for synodality & the topics named are well presented. There are many nuggets of wisdom, insight & perspective contained in the text. It would be well worth taking even just a section or chapter of this document & studying it together." **Questions** – The bishops said, "many questions were opened up at the Synod and require further examination. It was said that the experience of the permanent diaconate needs to be evaluated. This would also impact on the question of women and diaconate. The topic of how jurisdiction and sacrament are linked needs to be explored further. This would impact on the issue of women and decision making/taking in the Church. The topic of how collegiality and synodality relate was keenly felt by some. Is there a danger that the teaching authority of the bishops both individually and as a College could be undermined? The theme of "listening" came up often with the proposal that there be a ministry of listening in the Church. And a range of controversial questions were named and discussed." **In conclusion**, the two bishops said, "the XVI Synodal Assembly was a positive experience. It was marked by a prayerful and calm atmosphere, even if divergent viewpoints were expressed. The 365 members represented a great variety of cultural backgrounds & convictions. The presence of the 54 women, full members of the Synodal Assembly with voting rights, was a significant milestone in the development of the Synod of Bishops since instituted after the Second Vatican Council. The young people present contributed in a spirit of freedom and with a passion for the Church. What emerged particularly was the realisation that synodality is not just about an "event" that happens now and then. Synodality is about a "process", a way of being Church, a style of interacting together in discerning what the Spirit is saying to the Church."

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...Advent to be a time of simplicity

We pray that this Advent may be a time marked by simplicity, calmness and quietness as we wait in hope and wonder for Jesus who is present in our lives now and whose future reign is coming.

Amen

ORMOND OCTAVES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 15th December @ 8.00pm sharp

in
St Mary of the Rosary Church
Tickets €20

Available at : Parish Office, St Mary's Parish Shop, Cinnamon Alley & members of the choir.

IMPORTANT Christmas Newsletters

Please note - notices for inclusion in the Parish Newsletters of 24 & 31 December must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday 12 December

Nenagh Parish Church Renovation Fund



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.

NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection €3,425

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

Glenstal Advent Talks

The Glenstal Advent Talks are at 4.30pm on Sunday 10th and 17th December in the Abbey Library. They are followed by refreshments and the opportunity to attend sung Evening Prayer in the Abbey Church at 6pm. The talks are available afterwards from the website as recordings.

I would like to thank you all in Nenagh for the warmth of your welcome and sincerity of your good wishes. I really appreciate it. May Advent be a time of blessings for you and all your care. With a prayer and a warm smile.

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Those We Remember | Sat 9-Sun 17 Dec

St Mary of the Rosary

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| Sat 9th 6.15pm | Margaret Ryan (1st A) |
| Sun 10th 12noon | Christopher Toohey (A) |
| | Holly Morrissey McGrath (A) |
| | Stephen Ryan (A) |
| | Peter & Barbara Mulligan (As) |
| | Seamus Malone (A) |
| | Johnny Starr (A) |
| | Bridget Boland (A) |
| Sun 10th 6pm | Rosie Crowe (A) |
| | Martin McCarthy (A) & his father James McCarthy |
| | Máire Bean Uí Dhomhnaill (A) |
| | Michael Madden (A) |
| | Deceased members of Fagan & O'Meara Families |
| Tues 12th 11am | Thomas Ryan (A) & his son Dan & deceased family members |
| Weds 13th 11am | William O'Brien (A) |
| | Tom Connolly (A) |
| | Ned Ryan (A) |
| | Joan Gilmartin (A) |
| | Peg & Tom Shanahan (As) |
| Thurs 14th 11am | Philomena Hession (MM) |
| Sat 16th 6.15pm | James O'Brien (A) |
| Sun 17th 12noon | Peggy Hurley & Family (As) |
| | Helen Shoer (A) & her sons Junior & Pat |
| | Catherine O'Connell Holohan (A) |
| | Billy Morrissey (A) |
| | Mark Griffin (A) |
| | Christina & Michael Cooney (As) |
| Sun 17th 6pm | Ned & Mary Fitzgerald (A) |
| | Bill O'Brien & Thomas Cummins (As) |
| | Maura & Alan Smith (As) |
| | Áine Ray (A) |
| | Denis & Maureen Farrell (As) |
| | John Ryan (A) |
| | Michael & Katie Treacy (A) & their son James |
| | St John the Baptist |
| Sat 9th 7.30pm | Sean Quinn (A) |
| | John Powell (A) |
| Sat 16th 7.30pm | Ernest & Lena Hogan (As) |
| | Eamonn & Ludina Ryan (As) |
| | Janet Finn (A) |
| | Matthew O'Brien (A) |
| Sun 17th 10.30am | Liam & Maura McKenna (As) |
| | Mary McLoughlin (A) & her husband Tom, & son Denis |
| | Joanna Popiela (A) |
| | John Dore (A) |

Our Faithful Departed

Thomas Mulqueen
Shane McGowan
May They Rest In Peace. Amen.

Readers | 16-17 December 2023

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| 6.15pm | Mary McGrath |
| 7.30pm | Ann Marie McCann |
| 8am | Margaret Grace |
| 10.30am | Deborah O'Driscoll |
| 12noon | Eilish Carter / Wiola Kreft |
| 6pm | Alice Darcy |

Details of 2022 Parish **Income and Expenditure** are now available at back of both churches.

NENAGH PARISH

CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL 2023

Parish Christmas Food Appeal Again this year we ask that donations be in the form of Vouchers to the value of €5 or at most €10. Please do not donate vouchers to value higher than this. These vouchers will be delivered to households in need of assistance this Christmas Season.

St Vincent de Paul Nenagh Annual Appeal to Help People in Nenagh and Surrounding Areas This Christmas

There is NO Public collection this year. Donate what you can afford, the way you want, or any of following ways:

- Donate by:
- On Phone 0818176176
 - In Blue envelope (Freepost)
 - On Facebook page-SVP Vincent's Nenagh, scroll down, look for link to donate
 - Making donation in St Vincent's shop (receipt given)
 - Posting Donation to President, Treasurer at SVP Nenagh
 - Donating Gift Cards, Cheques, Postal Orders
 - Donate at svp.ie/nenaghappeal on your computer, laptop, iPad or mobile phone. Click the link or scan the code.
 - [SVP.ie/donate-NOMINATE-NENAGH](https://svp.ie/donate-NOMINATE-NENAGH)
 - Blue envelopes are available at the back of the Church

THANK YOU!! HAPPY CHRISTMAS
SVP Loretto House, Nenagh