

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

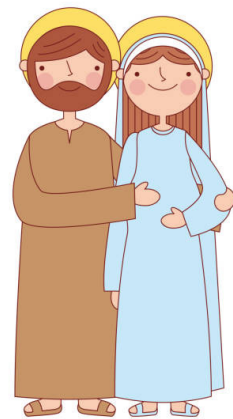
Polish Mass | Last Sunday Each Month | 1pm

What if the Christmas Story Happened in Our Day?

What if the Christmas story happened in our day?
Mary and Joseph might well have been on the motorway.
Instead of a bright and guiding star,
Lights from car after car after car.

The night was foggy, wet and cold;
the bus in which they travelled was rickety and old.
Joseph was a worried man, full of fear,
for Mary, his beloved wife's time was near.

He consulted the driver, a very kindly man,
'Don't worry mate' he said, 'I'll do what I can'.
He left at the next exit and set them down
At the hospital in a very busy town.



The lady at the desk sadly shook her head,
'Due to health cuts, I regret we have no bed.
Perhaps you could go private at the nursing home.
Joseph and Mary then began to roam.

Searching for shelter from door to door,
Just when time was running out and they could walk no more,
They came upon the shelter of a homeless group
Who smiled at them and offered to share their soup.

The story is different, there's not ass or ox.
This time the Son of Man lies in a cardboard box.

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer That ...we spend time with Jesus this Christmas

Dear Lord,
Don't let us miss You this Christmas season.
Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our
celebration on Your birth.

Thank You for being the Prince of Peace,
and I ask You for that peace to reign in our hearts.
Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for
us.

In Jesus' name,
Amen

Important Notice from Nenagh Pastoral Council

At our November meeting, in consultation with the
priests of our Parish, it was decided that Funeral
Masses - including the Reception of Remains and
Requiem Masses - will no longer take place on
Sundays in Nenagh Parish. This policy will become
effective from 1 January 2024. Local undertakers
have been informed.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

C is for the Christ child lying in the crib

H is for the homeless who really need your help at this time of year.

R is for the risen Christ.

I is for the ivy that twists around the holly.

S is for the singers under the bright shining star.

T is for the tinsel and toys under the tree.

M is for Mary, the mother of Jesus.

A is for Advent and the Advent Wreath.

S is for Santa and his sack full of toys.

A Prayer at the Crib

**As you visit the churches of St Mary of the Rosary or
St John the Baptist this Christmas, you may wish to pray the
following prayer.**

God, our Father, as we look upon this crib, we thank you for
all who are part of the Christmas story and our story, too.
We thank you for the gift of Jesus, your Son, who was born
like us, lived like us, struggled like us, and who has shown
us how to be fully human; to our lives, he brings joy and
peace, justice, mercy, and love. May this crib be a beacon of
hope for us and for the whole world as we face the coming
days with courage and renewed strength. May the star of
Bethlehem which shone brightly over the first crib stand
guard over our home, filling it and all the earth with light and
peace. And may we know, believe, and share the Christmas
message of Emmanuel, God is with us. **Amen.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. **Amen.**

Those We Remember | Sat 23-Sun 31 Dec

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 23rd 6.15pm	Patrick (Paddy) McNamara (MM)
Fri 29th 11am	Sean McDonnell (1st A)
	Eileen Ryan (A)
	Teresa & Paul Bannon (As)
	Jim O'Sullivan (A)
	Sean Doyle (A)
	Nessa Hudner (A)
	Martin & Elizabeth Ray (A) & deceased family members
Sat 30th 6.15pm	John Ryan (1st A) & his wife Una
	Jane Nevin (1st A)
Sun 31st 8am	Noel & Maureen Clifford (As)
Sun 31st 12noon	Bernadette Slattery (A)
	Eddie McCormack (A)
	Neil Malone (A)
	Pearse O'Brien (A)
	Marguerite McGrath (A)
	Breda Shanahan (A)
Sun 31st 6pm	Martin Hudner (A)

St John the Baptist

Sat 30th 7.30pm	Patrick Walsh (A)
	Nancy Sheehan (A)

Our Faithful Departed

A list of those who passed away during the Christmas period will be
published in our newsletter of 7 January 2024.

May They Rest In Peace. Amen.

Readers | 30-31 December 2023

6.15pm	Joan McCarthy
7.30pm	Eamonn Dillon
8am	Van Geraghty
10.30am	Bridget White
12noon	Mary Slattery
6pm	Martin O'Brien

NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection

Collection figures for the Christmas period will be published
in our newsletter of 7 January 2024.

*We sincerely thank our Parishioners for your outstanding
support throughout the year. Finances raised through
the pouch collections are essential to the upkeep of your
beautiful churches, your parish buildings and the smooth
running of the parish. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.*

Parish Office Opening Hours

Nenagh Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.
Tues-Fri | 9am-5pm

Life Lessons

Corny Christmas Cracker Edition

What is every parent's favorite Christmas song?

Silent Night!

Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus?

Because he was outstanding in his field.

What did the bald man say when he got a comb for
Christmas?

"I'll never part with it!"

What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?

A meltdown.

What did the Christmas tree do after its bank closed?

It started his own branch.

What do sheep say at Christmas?

Merry Christmas to ewe.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Prayer for Emigrants

Bless all those who have left our country
and now live in other lands. Give them a
strong faith so that they will always put
their trust in you and make you known by
the example of their lives.

Console those who are lonely because
they are separated from those they love.
Help all missionaries who are working far
from home to make your love known.
Bless our people overseas who are sick
or in prison.

We pray for foreigners living in our
country that they may experience our
hospitality.

Grant your eternal welcome to our
emigrants who have died and to all the
dead. **Amen.**

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.