

# 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 | 2nd & 4th Sunday Each Month  
| 1pm

## This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...the beginning of Lent

Almighty and ever living God,  
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.  
May this time be one of outward focus;  
seeking you in those we often ignore.  
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.  
Give us hearts hungry to serve you  
and those who need what we have to give.  
**Amen.**

### Ash Wednesday in Nenagh Parish

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on  
Wednesday 14th February, and between 1pm & 2pm  
in St Mary of the Rosary

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday morning during Lent  
St Mary of the Rosary after 11am Mass

## A Night of Musical Theatre

presented by

## Grace Shesgreen & Friends

Saturday 17 February

Nenagh Arts Centre, 7.30pm

Tickets available at Arts Centre €22, all proceeds going to  
CF Ireland

During the upcoming Lenten period. Nenagh Parish and Nenagh  
Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group are together sponsoring

### Life in the Spirit Seminars For the Odhran Pastoral Area

St John the Baptist Church, Tyone, Nenagh

Starting on Tuesday 6th February at 7.30pm and continuing for  
seven consecutive weeks

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| 2. | Tues 13th Feb   | - Salvation                |
| 3. | Tues 20th Feb   | - The New Life             |
| 4. | Tues 27th Feb   | - Receiving God's Gift     |
| 5. | Tues 5th March  | - Baptism in the Spirit    |
| 6. | Tues 12th March | - Growth                   |
| 7. | Tues 19h March  | - Transformation in Christ |

Guest speakers each night & personal testimonies some nights  
Speakers include; Marie Beirne, Fr Pat Collins CM, Fr Pat Gilbert  
P.P., Martin McTiernan, Eddie Stone, Fr Brendan Walsh S.C.A.

In a seven-week series of prayer, praise, teachings, testimonies, music  
& song the Life in the Spirit Seminar deepens our relationship with God.  
The power of the Holy Spirit can bring us from a distant knowledge of  
Jesus, to a deep personal experience of Him as Lord & Saviour that has  
the potential to change our lives. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

### Divine Mercy Conference

Day return bus to Divine Mercy conference Saturday 24 February.  
Fantastic international speakers, great day of spiritual inspiration and  
refreshment. Bus collection in Nenagh, Kickham street, 70 euro for bus  
and entry ticket. Contacts , text please Karen 087-4160385 or Seamus  
087-2752578 for enquiries and bookings.

### Those We Remember | Sat 10 - Sun 18 February

#### St Mary of the Rosary

Sun 11th 8am	Olive Hayes (A)
Sun 11th 12noon	Claire Fogarty (MM)
	Mick Power (1st A)
	Joe & Eileen Cooney & Paul Morris (As)
	Gerry & James Hogan (As)
	Nora Talbot (A)
	Peggy O Meara (A)
	Rita, Joe & Joseph Fowley (As)
	Freddy & Gerald Byrne (As)
Sun 11th 6pm	Billy Morrissey (A)
	May Quigley (nee Sheedy) (A)
	Michael Griffin (A)
Mon 12th 11am	George Mason (Senior) (A)
	Sr Margaret Mary Brett (A)
Wed 14th 8am	Kathleen Mitchell (A)
Thur 15th 8am	Kathleen Cullen (A) &her son Noel
Thurs 15th 11am	Josephine Powell (A)
	Jim Goggin (A)
Fri 16th 11am	May O'Toole & Pdraig Lynch (As)
Sat 17th 6.15pm	Winnie Sheahan (MM) & Jim, Robert & Denis Sheahan
	Sr Lelia Walsh (1st A)
Sun 18th 8am	Margaret & Thomas Mc Gowan & deceased family members
Sun 18th 12noon	Michael Deegan (MM)
	Margaret Mc Loughlin (A)
	James & Ber Cahill (As) & deceased family members
	William (Billy) Keogh (A)
	Mary Shinnors (A)
	Rita Shanahan (A)

#### St John the Baptist

Sat 10th 7.30pm	Margaret & Richard Ryan & their son John (As)
	Nancy & Valley Moran (As)
	Ger Lewis (A)
	Alice Hayden (A)
	Paddy & Kathleen Ryan (As)
	Paddy & Teresa Collins & their daughter Margaret (As)
	Gerard Gleeson & Baby sister Bridget (As)
Sat 17th 7.30pm	

#### Our Faithful Departed

Teresa Hayes (nee Butler)  
Margaret (Peg) Ryan (nee Ryan)  
Patricia Morris-Thompson  
Breda Walsh (nee Mc Grath)  
**May They Rest In Peace. Amen.**

#### Readers | 17-18 February 2024

6.15pm	Liam Gleeson
7.30pm	Kevin Costello
8am	Van Geraghty
10.30am	Patricia Fitzgerald
12noon	Paddy Rohan / Danka Par
6pm	Alice Darcy

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**Weekly Collection** €3,980

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

3:7-8). Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another. God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: "Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this" (Address to University Students, 3 August 2023). Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. For faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward.[1]

*I bless all of you and your Lenten journey.*

## Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2024 (extracts)

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to open our eyes to reality. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey" (Ex