

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

First Sunday of Lent

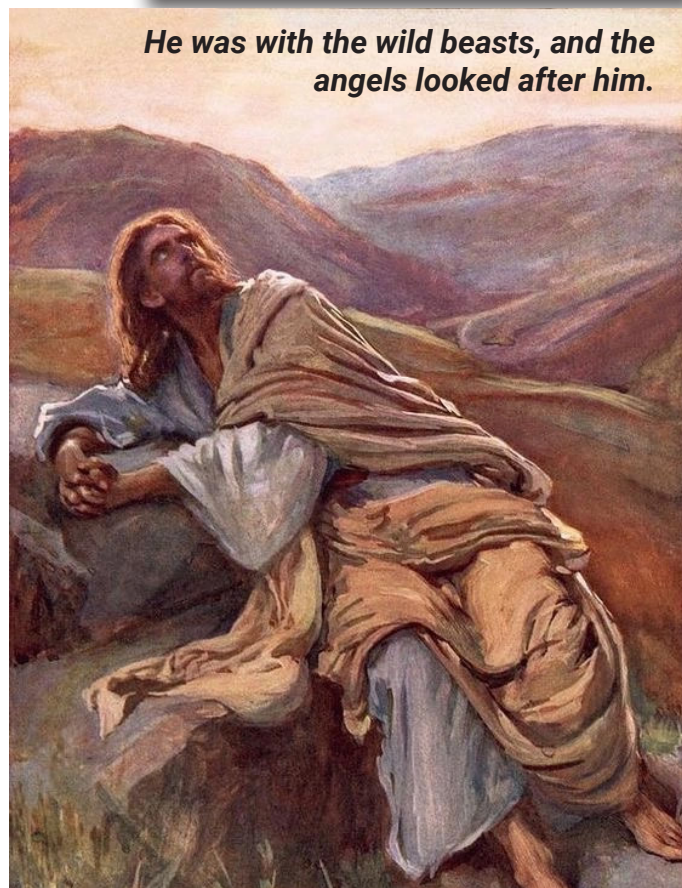
Giving up. Giving out. Giving in.

Christ promised to never, ever leave us, but somehow, during Lent, we can draw closer to Him who is always close to us. Our Church calls us to Give up. Some appetite, some distraction, some affection given up creates a type of "Vacuum" that the Holy Spirit rushes to fill. Our Church calls us to Give out. Nothing demonstrates quite as dramatically our intent to put our trust in God, like giving away our treasure to someone that can never repay us. In this act we demonstrate that our faith is in God, and not in money or things. Our Church calls us to Give in. In a world where every popular "life coach" encourages us to find our purpose, set our goals, do our own "thing" to the utmost, Jesus Christ coaches us differently: "If you want to find your life, you must lose it." The Lenten season reminds us that we are most fulfilled when we are emptied of "self" and "filled" with the Spirit of God, becoming ever more transformed into the Image of Christ.

For Reflection

As we begin Lent, we are reminded that Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the key actions of this season.
What do I need to give in to?
What do I need to give up?
What do I need to give out?

He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.



Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024

The harmony that we experience in the first reading today is contrasted with the disharmony that is set before Jesus in the temptations of the Gospel. Though the temptations aren't listed we know they are the turning of stones into bread, the riches of the world and power over all humanity; symbolic of the uncontrolled actions of human beings, who exploit the world, its peoples, and resources. If we don't recognise these in ourselves and in our social decisions, we will not recognise that the kingdom of God is close at hand. We will miss the opportunity to repent, to turn our lives around. This could be how we look at the climate crisis that we find ourselves in. After decades of irresponsible human activity – overproduction and the draining of natural resources, the asset stripping of countries in the global south, the destruction of ecosystems and treating the planet as a commodity from which to gain wealth and power rather than as our common home – the harmony of the natural world has been lost.

This year's Trócaire campaign focuses on Malawi and on the work being done to support and empower local people and communities. We hear the story of Malita and her family, who are on the front of the Trócaire box this year. Malita is facing the effects of the climate crisis on a daily basis. When you listen to the people of this region, you hear the very real ways in which climate change is affecting their daily lives. You hear that the climate is less predictable now and that the lack of trees on the mountain and the land makes them vulnerable to crop failure and contaminated water. The people of Malita's village, and others like them, are not the ones who have caused this situation – but they are paying the highest price.

Collect your Trócaire Box inside both Nenagh churches right now!

LENT 2024: 'LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE A RIVER, RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE A NEVER-FAILING STREAM.'

(Amos 5:24)



This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...those without a home or shelter

Compassionate Father,
I ask that You provide shelter for all the homeless in our world. It's unbearable to think of all the sorrow they must hold in their hearts. Guide them to safe shelters so they can be protected from the weather, from people with bad intentions, and from all other complications of living outdoors. Lord, please bless them and meet their needs. Bless the little ones and babies who must be so uncomfortable and scared. Let their eyes see the angels that You send for their protection, that we as adults, cannot see. Give them this comfort, Father. In Jesus' holy name, I pray.
Amen.

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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| 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.

Santiago De Compostela Camino 2024

Join Focus Ireland 'In the Footsteps of St James' on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community's experiencing homelessness. Dates 27 May to 3 June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on 087 954 7007 or email events@focusireland.ie for details and bookings.

Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

Day: Every Monday

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

If you have a desire to stop gambling, this is the meeting for you.

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in **Milford Care Centre, Education Department** on Tue 27th February 2024 from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends.

Members of the **Bereavement Service** will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. **The Information Evening is Free**

Those We Remember | Sat 17 - Sun 25 February

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 17th 6.15pm	Winnie Sheahan (MM) & Jim, Robert & Denis Sheahan
Sun 18th 8am	Sr. Lelia Walsh (1st A)
Sun 18th 12noon	Margaret & Thomas McGowan (As) & deceased family members
	Michael Deegan (MM)
	Margaret McLoughlin (A)
	James & Ber Cahill & Pat Creagh (As) & deceased family members
	William (Billy) Keogh (A)
	Mary Shinnors (A)
	Rita Shanahan (A)
Sun 18th 6pm	Christine May Greenaway (A)
	Timmy O'Dwyer (A)
	Michael (Boysie) Hogan (A)
	Margaret Kelly (A)
Mon 19th 11am	Baby John McKenna (A)
Thurs 22nd 11am	Ann Ryan (A)
Fri 23rd 11am	Mick Burns (1st A)
Sat 24th 6.15pm	Mary Kennedy (1st A)
Sun 25th 12noon	Bill & Tess Lawlor (As) & deceased members of the Lawlor family
	Sean Bane & Anne Kelly (As)
	Anne & John Ryan (As)
	Jean Morrissey (A)
	Kathleen Reddan (A) & Tony Murphy (A)
	Billy Barry (A)

St John the Baptist

Sat 17th 7.30pm	Alice Hayden (A)
	Paddy & Kathleen Ryan (As)
	Paddy & Teresa Collins (As) & daughter Margaret
	Gerard Gleeson (A) & baby sister Bridget
	Margaret White (A) & husband John & deceased family members
Sun 18th 10.30am	Joseph Mitchell (A)
	Kathleen & Jimmy Grace (As)
Sat 24th 7.30pm	Elizabeth & Edward Flannery (As)
	Sean & Teresa Gleeson (As)

Our Faithful Departed

Patrick Hynes
May He Rest In Peace. Amen.

Readers | 24-25 February 2024

6.15pm	Joan McCarthy
7.30pm	Patricia Finn
8am	Pat Maher
10.30am	Deborah O'Driscoll
12noon	Eilish Carter
6pm	Delsey Pauly

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NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection €3,432

Thank you as always for your ongoing generosity.
Parish Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm
Nenagh Parish Finance Committee, February meeting, Wednesday 21st February in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm.

Stations of the Cross

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