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Nenagh Parish 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

Fr Pat Gilbert

Fr Rexon Chullickal

Fr Lorcán Kenny

Fr Jofin Jose

Odhrán Pastoral Area

Mass Times

Friday

Portroe 7.30pm

Curreeney 7.30pm

Saturday

Youghalarra 6.30pm

Puckane 7.30pm

Templederry 7.00pm

Silvermines 8.00pm

Sunday

Carrig 10.00am

Portroe 10.00am

Ballywilliam 11.15am

Killeen 10.00am

Silvermines 11.00am

The Fall of the Berlin Wall and the Role of St. Pope John Paul II

As Germany marks the 35th anniversary of the Berlin Wall's fall this year, key witnesses are highlighting the crucial role played by St. John Paul II in bringing about the peaceful revolution that transformed Europe. "I am absolutely convinced that without Pope John Paul II, German

reunification would not have been possible," Martin Rothweiler, director of EWTN Germany, told CNA Deutsch, CNA's German-language news partner. Rothweiler was in Rome on the historic night of Nov. 9, 1989, when East German citizens began crossing freely through the Berlin Wall for the first time in nearly three decades.

"It seemed surreal," Rothweiler recalled. "Watching people climb over the wall, seeing masses streaming from East to West Berlin - it was simply incredible. We had grown up accepting the division as unchangeable: the Eastern Bloc. the West, the Warsaw Pact on one side, NATO on the other. It all seemed set in concrete - literally."

The late Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne, who died in 2017 and was a close friend of John Paul II, offered similar testimony in a 2016 EWTN interview: "Without him, there would have been no Solidarity movement in Poland. I seriously doubt whether communism would have fallen without John Paul II. His contribution to communism's collapse cannot be overestimated."

Even after becoming pope in 1978, John Paul II continued supporting opposition movements behind the Iron Curtain. After surviving an assassination attempt in 1981 - widely believed to have been orchestrated by Soviet-bloc security services — he decided to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, fulfilling a request made by Our Lady at Fátima.

Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, who served as John Paul II's personal secretary for decades, emphasized the spiritual dimension of these historical events. In a 2016 interview with EWTN, he explained: "From the moment of that consecration, a process began that culminated in freedom for nations oppressed by communism and Marxism. Our Lady had both requested this

CHRISTMAS 2024

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.



Cards are available in the Parish Office for the Christmas Draw. Tickets €2 each, 3 for €5. Proceeds in aid of Church renovation funds

consecration and promised that freedom would follow."

"After this event, the world became different," Dziwisz added, "Not only did the Iron Curtain fall, but also Marxism in the world, which was especially rooted in universities and circles worldwide."

Witness to history

The impact of John Paul II's role was acknowledged even by secular leaders. Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl recalled a decisive moment during the pope's 1996 visit to reunified Berlin. Walking through the Brandenburg Gate once a symbol of division - the pope turned to Kohl and said: "Mr. Chancellor, this is a profound moment in my life. That I, a pope from Poland, stand here with you, the German chancellor, at the Brandenburg Gate - and the gate stands open, the Wall is gone, Berlin and Germany are united, and Poland is

Perhaps the most striking testimony came from an unexpected source: Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, who acknowledged that without John Paul II's influence, the peaceful revolution of 1989 might never

Today's echoes

The legacy of those events resonates today as Europe again faces conflict. On March 25, 2022, shortly after Russia invaded Ukraine, Pope Francis chose to renew John Paul II's consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"We have strayed from the path of peace," Francis said during the ceremony at St. Peter's Basilica. "We have forgotten the lessons of the last century's tragedies and the sacrifice of millions who fell in the World Wars."

As war continues in Ukraine two years later, John Paul II's example offers a reminder that transformative change often comes unexpectedly. The Polish pope, canonized by Francis in 2014, demonstrated throughout his life that faith and peaceful resistance could overcome seemingly immovable obstacles even walls that divided nations.

Due to the priests attending the **Diocesan Association** in Loughrea (Killaloe Clergy Inservice) Liturgy of The Word with Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8am & 11am Masses in St. Mary of the Rosary Church Mon 18th, Tues 19th & Wed 20th November.

November Offerings

Envelopes for the November Offerings are now available in both churches

Night Vigil to Knock

Night Vigil to Knock takes place on Saturday 7 December 2024. Bus leaves from outside Convent Gate at 6pm Sharp. Tickets will be on Sale on Saturday 30 November 2024 in Pastoral Centre Church Road Nenagh from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Closing date is Wednesday December 4th 2024 All tickets must be collected & paid for on or before 4 December 2024. For further information contact:

Margaret Healy 11 Bulfin Cresent, Nenagh. **Phone No** 067-32140.

Margaret Cooney 17 Ormond Court, Ormond St, Nenagh. **Phone No** 067-32937 0r 087-6746512 Fares Adult €25 Child under 14 €15

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...Deceased Members of the Clergy



We remember all deceased members of the clergy. We thank God for their generosity in responding to His call and for their faithful witness and service to God's people. In Baptism they received the light of Christ. We pray they are now sharing in the fullness of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

Feast Days This Week Nov 17th

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St. Elizabeth, with great faith, joy and charity, I pray that Her timeless example will guide me. I look at her humility to help me accept Your will for my life, for the joys and challenges of life.

Nov 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Nov 22nd

St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr

Bible Sunday/ Lectio Divina

Once a Month (Every first Wednesday) | Pastrol Centre 7.30pm (Duration 1hr)

In English - Lead By Fr. Jarek | Everyone is Welcome

Bishop Hugh Slattery

Remembrance Mass for Bishop Hugh Slattery on Saturday 23rd November in St. Patrick's Church, Puckane @ 12noon

Adoration | St Mary of the Rosary

Adoration time is changed on Wednesday 27th November to 5.00 to 6.00pm

Nenagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group invites you to a 'Family Tree Healing Mass' with Fr Brendan Walsh, Pallottine Fathers. An evening of Praise, Worship and Prayers for our deceased relatives and friends. 7.30pm - Rosary followed by Mass at 8pm. Tuesday, 19th November. St John the Baptist, Tyone, Nenagh, E45 CX37. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday 6pm: Legion of Mary Proesidium, Our Lady Help Us Christians, neets at St John the Baptist Church, Tyone. Contact Joan Durkan 086 8228848

Parkinson's Support Group

The Nenagh branch of the Parkinson's Support Group meets every Monday afternoon at 2pm in the Pastoral Centre, Church Road (E45 YX06). The two nour session includes a physiotherapist-led exercise class focusing on muscle strength and stability, and a sing along which promotes vocal strength. We end the session with refreshments and a chat which is thoroughly enjoyed by all. New attendees are always welcome. We also welcome new volunteers to join our support team. New attendees and volunteers are encouraged to contact our co-ordinator Susanne Noonan (0876982829) for further information.

Squabbles

Lissenhall Players are staging the hilarious comedy 'Squabbles' by Marshall Karp directed by Kevin Whelan in Lissenhall E45 CK00 at 8.00 pm nightly from Friday November 22nd to Tuesday November 26th Booking essential 6-8 pm 085 7226673

Silver Arch

Calling all volunteers, we need your help; do you have a few hours to spare each week, feel like giving back to your local community? Silver Arch Family Resource Centre needs your help. Make an impact on your community by volunteering today in our Thrift Shop.

Contact us on 083 2050025 or email us on thrift@silverarchfrc.ie to start your volunteer journey today.

Making a real difference to people in your local community. Now open in Newport

A Fundraising Organ Recital by Warren Symes in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Nenagh on Friday 22 November @ 7pm. No entrance fee but donations welcome.

Those We Remember | Sat 16- Sunday 24 Nov **St Mary of the Rosary**

Sat 16th 6.15pm Donal Kealy (MM) Tony & Olive Foran (As) Richard Grace (A) Sun 17th 8am Dan Egan (A) & deceased family

> members Gerry Darcy (A)

Sun 17th 12noon Patrick (Jack) & Ann (Nancy) Gleeson

Antoinette Kennedy (A)

Tom & Joan Quigley (As) & deceased members of the

Quigley & Healy Families

Bernard Byrne (A) John & Bridie Maguire (As)

John Mc Carthy (A)

Fri 22nd 8am Margaret & Martin Kelly & deceased

Thur 21st 11am

Sat 23rd 6.15pm

members of the

Andrew Farkas (A)

Kelly & Hourigan Families Jimmy Conroy (A)

Fri 22nd 11am Mary & Peter Shaughnessy (As)

> Rory O Farrell (MM) Jimmy O Grady (MM)

Donna Harty (MM) Paddy Mc Namara (1stA)

Frank & Adele Cunniffe (As) Sun 24th 8am Mary Hassett (A)

Mary Hassett (A) & deceased family Sun 24th 12noon

> members Tom Ryan (A) Gabriella Nugent (A)

Eileen Cleary (A)

All the Herriott family deceased

St John the Baptist John Ryan (A) & deceased family

Sat 16th 7.30pm members

Noreen Flannery (A) Sun 17th 10.30am

Brendan & Austin Martin (As) Sat 23rd 7,30pm Sun 24th 10,30am Joanie Ryan (A)

Martin & Bridget Cawley (As) & their

son John

Alison Murphy (A)

Kay, Tom & Conor Maloney (As)

Our Faithful Departed

Gráinne Foley Ian (Beans) Kevin Bridget McLoughlin May They Rest In Peace. Amen

NOTIGE BOARD

Weekly Collection €3,540 Thank you kindly for continuing to support our Parish.

Parish Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm Nenagh Parish Finance Council meeting | Wednesday 20 November in Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm

Readers | 23-24 November 2024

6.15pm **Doley Quigley** 7.30pm Patricia Ryan Pat Meagher 8am Patricia Fitzgerald 10.30am Adrian McIntyre 12noon

Delsey Pauly Missal: Page 814 6pm