

Nenagh Parish News

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Change To Parish Office Opening Hours: From Monday 6 January, the Parish Office will close daily at 4pm

Pope on Human Rights Day: ‘War deprives people of their basic rights’

As the United Nations marked Human Rights Day last month, Pope Francis reminded world leaders that our “human rights to life and peace are essential conditions for the exercise of all other rights.”

Millions deprived of their basic rights by war

The international Day is observed annually on 10 December, the anniversary of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and was established by the UN to raise awareness of the basic rights and liberties of all human beings irrespective of gender, nationality, ethnicity, race or religion.

The observance gives an opportunity to recognise the work that has been done and what has to be done to protect the rights that every person is entitled to according to that milestone Document and is a call to action to ensure that those rights are respected worldwide.

In a tweet marking the International Day on X (formerly Twitter), Pope Francis again pleaded for governments “to listen to the cry for peace of the millions of people deprived of their most basic rights due to war” which, he said, “is the mother of all poverty.”

European Churches concerned by increasing violations of human rights

His words echoed those of the European Churches, that urged leaders in Europe to fulfil their obligations to uphold and protect the human dignity of every human being under international law.

The leaders of the Conference of European Churches (CEC) expressed gratitude for the progress made in protecting human rights over recent decades, “yet also deep concern over increasing instances of violations and neglect of fundamental human rights in the world today.”

“Brutal offenses, systemic injustices, and the erosion of the rule of law and democracy not only threaten individuals but also undermine the foundation of societies built on justice, solidarity, and peace,” said CEC President Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain. “European Churches, as part of their mission to serve and protect the vulnerable, cannot remain silent in the face of such challenges.”

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

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

Current violations remind us of the fragility of past achievements

The Gospel – added Archbishop Nikitas – drives the Churches “to advocate for the oppressed, give voice to the voiceless, and work tirelessly for justice.”

Citing the ongoing wars in Ukraine and the Holy Land, along with the wider crisis in the Middle East, the situation in North Karabakh, and many other crises, he said the European Churches “observe with distress how human rights and human dignity of all people are coming under pressure.”

“Violations of freedom of religion and belief, rising inequalities, discrimination, and violations of the rights of refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, displaced persons, and Roma remind us of the fragility of these achievements,” said Archbishops Nikitas.



Churches’ commitment to upholding a universal perspective of human rights

CEC General Secretary Rev. Frank-Dieter Fischbach, therefore urged governments, European institutions, and all relevant stakeholders across Europe to recommit to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and fulfil obligations under international law.

The Lutheran Bishop reaffirmed CEC’s commitment to upholding a universal perspective of human rights as a cornerstone of peaceful coexistence: “As European churches, we commit to standing alongside those who suffer, advocating for justice, and amplifying the call for protection of human dignity of every human being to be upheld and protected,” he said. “May this inspire us all to act with courage, compassion, and conviction in the defence of human rights for all”, Bishop Frank-Dieter Fischbach concluded.

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer...

I am the New Year



I am the New Year.

I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn’t find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn’t achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn’t dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have-these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, “Behold, I make all things new”. **Amen.**



Feast Days This Week

6th The Epiphany of the Lord
7th Saint Raymond of Penyafort, priest

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

“Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the yobel, the ram’s horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an “extra” year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn’t easy to organise, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus’ mission in this way: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,” (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus lives out these words in his daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a “Holy Year,” since it is a time in which God’s holiness transforms us.

The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have also been “extraordinary” Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Redemption, and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary jubilee. The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door. By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.

Leftover Christmas Presents

We trust you all had a Happy Christmas and everyone got at least one pressie that put a smile on your face? However, many of us often get two of the same thing, or something we had already or, let’s face it, something we will never use or need! That’s no reflection on the giver...it’s just life!!! Nenagh Parish Office will, once again, with much discretion, accept your unwanted or leftover Christmas presents between 6-10 January. The following week we will distribute whatever we receive, to local nursing homes and charities.

Those We Remember | Sat 4 - Sunday 12 Jan

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 4th 12noon Memorial Mass for Shaun Paul Brady
Sat 4th 6.15pm Jim O Sullivan (A)
Sun 5th 12noon Claire Fogarty (1st A)
Joseph O Meara & his wife Annie (As)
Patrick Lowney (A)
Bernadette Slattery (A)
Terry Dwyer (A)

Sun 5th 6pm Eamon White (A) & deceased family members

Breda Shanahan (A)
Rudolf Sprinzl (MM)
Ned & Bridie Moore (As)
Sr Eileen O Driscoll (A)
John Tierney (A)

Breda Dooley (nee Morrissey) (A)
John Kinehan (A) & his son John & deceased family members
Mary Haugh (A)

St John the Baptist

Sat 4th 7.30pm Elizabeth (Lizzie) Horrigan (A) & her husband Rody & Sons Jim & Rodger
Sun 12th 10.30am Cissie & Jimmy Fitzgerald (A)

Our Faithful Departed

RIPs that occur during the Christmas period will appear in your newsletter of 12 January 2025

Medjugorje Afternoon Prayer

In the Day Care Centre @ 4pm on Monday January 6th. All Welcome

Readers | 11-12 January 2025

6.15pm Liam Gleeson
7.30pm Eamonn Dillon
8am Pat Meagher
10.30am Donal Mackey
12noon Mary Slattery
6pm Martin O’Brien

Lectio Divina Group

Every second Wednesday 7.30pm (1hr duration) run by Fr. Jarek Kurek.
Only January it will be held on the 15th January 2025

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen