

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

Odhrán Pastoral Area Mass Times

Friday
Portroe 7.30pm
Killeen 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
Cureeney 10.00am
Silvermines 11.00am

Pilgrims of Hope

Official Hymn Jubilee 2025

Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.

Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri
English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Pilgrims of Hope: A Commentary

Oftentimes, while walking along, a song will come to mind which really seems to express how we are feeling. This is also true for the life of faith, which is a pilgrimage toward the light of the Risen Lord. The Sacred Scriptures are steeped in song, and the Psalms are a striking example: the prayers of the people of Israel were written to be sung, and it was in song that the most human events were presented before the Lord. The tradition of the Church has continued this, making music and song one of the lungs of its liturgy. The Jubilee, which in itself is expressed as an event of people on pilgrimage to the Holy Door, also uses song as one of the ways of expressing its motto, "Pilgrims of Hope".

Many themes of the Holy Year are woven into the text written by Pierangelo Sequeri and set to music by Francesco Meneghello. First of all, the motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", is best echoed biblically in some pages from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 9 and Isaiah 60). The themes of creation, fraternity, God's tenderness and hope in our destination resonate in a language, which although not "technically" theological, is in substance and in the allusions, so that it rings eloquently in the ears of our time.

With each step of their daily pilgrimage believers trustingly rely on the source of Life. The song that arises spontaneously during the journey (cf. Augustine, Discourses, 256) is directed to God. It is a song charged with the hope of being freed and supported. It is a song imbued with the hope that it will reach the ears of the One from whom all things flow. It is God who as an ever-living flame keeps hope burning and energizes the steps of the people as they journey.

The prophet Isaiah repeatedly sees the family of men and women, sons and daughters, returning from their scattered ways, gathered in the light of God's Word: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 9:2). The light is that of the Son who became Man, Jesus, who by His own Word gathers every people and nation. It is the living flame of Jesus that stirs the step: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Is 60:1).

Christian hope is dynamic and enlightens the pilgrimage of life, revealing the faces of brothers and sisters, companions on the journey. It is not a roaming of lone wolves, but a journey of people, confident and joyful, moving toward a New destination. The breath of the Spirit of life does not fail to brighten the dawn of the future that is about to arise. The heavenly Father patiently and tenderly watches over the pilgrimage of his children and opens wide the Way for them, pointing to Jesus, his Son, who becomes a pathway for everyone.

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer To ...become better neighbours

Lord, teach us to be good neighbours,
not just to the folk who live nearby
but to everyone that we meet,
to see the best in, and want the best
for all your precious children,
who might one day return
to their Father's house
and the warmth of your embrace.
Amen.

Feast Days This Week

17th Feb Seven Servite Founders
St Fintan
21st St Peter Damian
22nd Chair of St Peter Apostle

Bereavement Support Information Talk

Bereavement Support Information Talk will take place in Milford Care Centre, V94 H795, Education Department on Tue 25th February 2025 from 7pm - 8.30pm.

The Bereavement Information Talk 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 Talk is Free. No booking required. Check in from 6.40pm

Thank You...from Mary's Meals

Thanks to everyone who supported the concert for Mary's Meals. The amount raised was €3,200. That will fill a lot of empty tummies.

Restore, Renew, Rekindle

Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend Friday is 28th-30th March 2025 Venue: Knock, Co Mayo www.marriageencounter.ie

Nenagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Tuesday 7.20 Rosary, followed at 7.45 by music, praise, worship, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. Healing night, the 1st Tuesday of every month. All are welcome.

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €955 pps incl. full board . Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board.

To reserve a seat please contact JOE Walsh Tours 89 Harcourt st. Dublin 2 D02WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or joewalshstours.ie

A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June pilgrimage. €855 is the cost for this section. A medical declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms Mary Freeman, Pilgrimage Secretary 087- 9777896 or marybfreeman@gmail.com

Nenagh Pilgrimage to Medjugorie 2025

Joe Walshes. Date, 2nd July to 9th July 2025 Departing from Cork Arriving in Dubrovnik. We Celebrate the 44th Anniversary this year. All are welcome. Accompanied by Father Rexon our Spiritual Director. The price is €879. For more details please contact Seán & Elaine Connolly, 085 863 6371 or 067 32178

New Institute Snooker Club

Weekly Coffee Morning each Friday in the Institute from 11-12. No charge, all welcome, come along & enjoy a cuppa, game of cards etc.

Those We Remember | Sat 15 - Sun 23 Feb St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 15th 6.15pm	Jean Gleeson (1st A) Mick Starr (1st A) William (Billy) Keogh (A) Ger Lewis (A) & his son Michael & granddaughter Jackie
Sun 16th 12noon	Pat Hynes (1st A) Joe & Eileen Cooney (As) & their son-in-law Paul Morris May Shinnors (A) Michael (Mick) Power (A) Pat Creagh (A) May Quigley (nee Sheedy) (A)
Sun 16th 6pm	Eileen McGrath (MM)
Wed 19th 11am	Margaret White & her husband John (As) & deceased family members
Fri 21st 11am	Memorial Mass for Mary Dunning John Thomas McKenna (A)
Sat 22nd 6.15pm	Mary Keogh (MM) Francis Martin (1st A) Peg Ryan (1st A) Mick Burns (A) Edward & Elizabeth Flannery (As) Billy Barry (A)
Sun 23rd 8am	Tess Whelan (1st A)
Sun 23rd 12noon	Denis O'Shea (1st A) Ann & John Ryan (A) Jimmy & Bernadette Cahill (As) & deceased members of the Cahill family
Sun 23rd 6pm	Joe Mitchell (A) Jean Morrissey (A) Paddy & Kathleen Ryan, Paddy & Theresa Collins, & their daughter Margaret (As)
Sat 15th 7.30pm	St John the Baptist Donny & Patsy Hassey (As) & Ann Kelly (A) Madge & Dick Ryan & their son John (As) Vally & Nancy Moran (As)
Sun 16th 10.30am	Gerard Gleeson (A) & his sister Brigid
Sat 22nd 7.30pm	Francie Sage (A)

Our Faithful Departed

John (Johnny) Looby
Mindaugas Paulaskas

May They Rest In Peace. Amen.

Readers | 22-23 February 2025

6.15pm	Liam Gleeson
7.30pm	Eamonn Dillon
8am	Helena O'Gorman
10.30am	Bridget White
12noon	Mary Slattery
6pm	Martin O'Brien

NOTICE BOARD

Weekly Collection €4,071 Thank you for your generosity.
Parish Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm
(4pm on Fridays)

Life Lessons

Opportunities multiply as they are seized.