# Nenagh Parish Rews

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During Lent - through prayer, sacrifice and charity - we are called to renew our **Christian life in preparation for Easter:** 

#### Prayer

The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and of His execution, are often observed. As well as giving something up it is becoming more common to take something up as well and this may include taking time to volunteer, or spending more time in prayer.

# Extract from the Lenten Message 2025 from His Holiness, Pope Francis

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, to journey. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God & our brothers & sisters. Journeving together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf.Gal3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us walk in the same direction, tending toward the same goal, attentive to one another in love & patience.

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we

# 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

#### Sacrifice

Sacrifice (penance) is an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. It arises from the Lord's call to conversion and repentance. Christians undertake penance: in memory of the Passion and death of Jesus; as a sharing in Christ's suffering; as an expression of inner conversion; as a form of reparation for sin.

#### Charity

Traditionally during Lent many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence, the money saved from this can be donated to charity, for example, contributing to their Trócaire box.

are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. Mayt he hope that does not disappoint (cf.Rom5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical Spe Salvi, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom8:38-39)". Christ, my hope, has risen! He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf.Rom5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" (1 Tim2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one" (The Exclamations of the Soul to God. 15:3).

# This Week We Offer A Special Prayer In ...honour of St Leah

(patron saint of widows and mothers who have lost children)



God our Father,

Saint Lea received her reward in heaven for her obedience and austerity on earth.

During this Lenten season, may we look to her example, exchanging our earthly vanity and pride for true service, true faith,

and true obedience to the call of the Lord. We make this humble prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# Fr. Rexon Says Thank You

Fr. Rexon would like to extend a sincere thanks to all who congratulated him on his Silver Jubilee to the Priesthood. He will continue to include you all in his prayers

# Congratulations to Nenagh Ormond Rugby Club

On behalf of Nenagh Parish we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nenagh Ormond Rugby Club on their marvellous achievement and wish them every success for the future

# Daffodil Day, Friday 28 March

Anyone with an hour or two to spare and who would like to help on the day, please phone | Mary - 087 2700647 or Lulu - 083 8349043.

# North Tipperary Branch of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (ASI)

#### Memory Cáfe

The North Tipperary Branch of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (ASI) would like to invite people living with dementia/cognitive impairment & their carers/health & social care professionals to our new Memory Café in the Silver Arch Family Resource Centre, Silver Street, Nenagh. Our intention is to provide a warm, welcoming venue for people to meet for a chat music /crafts & refreshments.

Our Home Care Co.ordinator, Jennifer Woods for North Tipperary ASI will be there to welcome everyone.

The Café will run on the first Thursday of every month.

Venue: Silver Arch Family Resource Centre, 52 Silver Street, Nenagh E45 P624

Date: Thursday 3rd April 2025 **Time**: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Contact: Jennifer Woods HomeCare Co-Ordinator 086809 6039

# **Family Support Group meeting**

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland North Tipperary Branch Support Group Meeting. The Family Support Group is meeting in Nenagh Library O'Rahilly St., Nenagh. The support group provide an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation, to share stories and experiences, and access information and practical advice in a relaxed, understanding and supportive environment. All are welcome so please come along for cuppa and a chat.

Date: Wednesday 26th March 2025 Venue: Nenagh Library, O'Rahilly St., Nenagh

Time: 11.00 - 12.30

#### Dance

We are holding a dance in the Scouts Hall Nenagh on Sun 30 March. Dancing from 9pm to 12pm Music by Declan Aungier. Admission €10. Refreshments served All Welcome. Tickets on sale in Parish Office and at the door on the night.

## **Month's Mind Mass**

Bishop Willie Walsh's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral Ennis on Friday 28th March at 7.30pm

# Anniversaries | Sat 22 - Sun 30 March St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 22nd 6.15pm Nancy Murphy (1st A)

Katie Ryan

Tommy Mulcahy John O'Connor Sun 23rd 12noon

> Joseph Coleman O'Connor Josephine Butler Liam Nolan

Maureen & Toddy Bolger & deceased

family members Ger McCarthy

Sun 23rd 6pm Ann & Michael Griffin Marc Kevin Tooher

Mon 24th 8am Kamil Bonik Wed 26th 11am Stephanie Hanley Sat 29th 6.15pm Mayia George (MM)

Sun 30th 8am

Andrew Gill

Bridie & Ger Gavin

M.P & Joan Gleeson & deceased

family members Dean & Evan Morrissey

Joseph McKeon

Patricia Tucker Sun 30th 12noon Sean Phelan

Patrick & Kathleen Gleeson Michael Finn & his son Michael

## St John the Baptist

Sun 23rd 10.30am Ester Ryan (1st A) Samuel De Oca (MM) Sat 29th 7.30pm

Bridget & John Fogarty Sun 30th 10.30am Anne Bane Kelly

Jenny & Martin Casey

# **Our Faithful Departed** John (Johnny) Nagle

May He Rest In Peace. Amen

# Readers | 29-30 March 2025

**Doley Quigley** 6.15pm 7.30pm Patricia Ryan 8am Margaret Grace 10.30am **Bridget White** 12noon Adrian McIntyre **Delse Pauly** 6pm

# NOTIGE BOARD

Weekly Collection €4,953 Thank you for your generosity. Parish Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm (4pm on Fridays)

# Songs of Hope with James Kilbane

St. Cronan's Church, Roscrea Presents, Songs of Hope with James Kilbane an evening in support of much needed church repairs!

St. Cronan's Church (C of I), Roscrea will host a special evening of Gospel music with Christian singer James Kilbane on Friday 4th April at 8 pm. The evening is in support of vital repair work to the church roof, indoor walls, dampness prevention as well as the ongoing ministry work.

Donation tickets are €20 and are available from church organisers, local outlets, Eventbrite, or call 087 3825336. All welcome and all support are appreciated.

#### Legion of Mary

Meeting Fridays in the Sacristy of St. Mary of the Rosary at 4pm.