

# Nenagh Parish News

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## A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God,  
shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably upon your servant, Leo XIV,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as  
her shepherd;  
grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he  
presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his  
care,  
he may come to everlasting life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

**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

Imagine asking your son what he wants to be when he grows up, and he answers, "I want to be a priest!" What would your reaction be? Would you be worried or elated—or somewhere in between?

The truth is that God has a plan for each of your children; he wants them to be happy even more than you do! And their true happiness is found in discovering God's plan for their lives—their vocation—and following it wholeheartedly.

So if you're truly concerned about your children's well-being, it makes sense to help them discern their vocations, whether to marriage, priesthood, or religious life. Here are some simple ways to foster openness to God's call.

**1. Snuggle up and read a story.**  
Sometimes the simplest ideas are best! Add some books about famous saints to your bedtime reading. There are dozens of fascinating, age-appropriate stories of saints who were priests and religious. There's even a comic book about St. John Paul II as a child!

**2. Watch a better movie.**  
When it's time for family movie night, take a pass on Spy Kids 4 and check out A Mission to Love (the life of St. John Bosco). There are tons of other Catholic films that depict heroic and interesting priests and religious. The conversation afterwards is far more meaningful than which explosion was the biggest!

**3. Set the record straight.**  
Media depictions of dating and sexuality are often opposed to authentic love. So when a TV show sends the wrong message, set the record straight about what leads to real happiness. Especially around teens, defend the sacrament of marriage.

**4. Play dress up!**  
Just as children "play house" and pretend to be moms and dads, help them imagine the life of a priest, brother, or sister. A sheet or towel can serve as a sister's habit. A Ritz cracker makes a good host for Mass. This kind of play normalizes what can otherwise seem to be an "other-worldly" vocation. Plus it's a lot of fun!

**5. Pray from the heart.**  
In your family prayers, pray for more priests and religious. Let your kids hear you praying for their futures. "Lord, watch over Simon today and give him the grace to grow up to be a strong man of God. Keep him close to You, always in Your perfect will."

**6. Talk about vocations.**  
Speak openly about vocations to marriage, priesthood, and religious life. From the earliest age, make it clear that happiness in life is following God's plan. Tell kids that priests have an awesome job because they bring us the sacraments. Teach them that religious brothers and sisters make special vows to live like Jesus.

**7. Befriend priests & religious.**  
Invite a priest, sister, or brother to dinner at your home. Personal relationships are key. When kids are comfortable around Fr. John or Sister Margaret, they're far more likely to be comfortable with the idea of a priestly or religious vocation when they grow older.

## This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...the forthcoming harvest season

Praise be to you, O God,  
source of life and goodness.  
You fill the earth with abundance  
and love all that you have made.  
As we join creation in singing your glory,  
teach us to care for our common home.

Praise be to you, O God,  
revealed in Jesus, God with us.  
We hear the call of the Carpenter,  
to carve a path to a better future.  
Guide our hands to repair what's broken,  
to build a just and peaceful world.

Praise be to you, O God,  
who enfolds us with the Spirit,  
to call us deeper into the heart of love,  
to comfort and disturb.  
Give us strength and courage  
to work with you to make all things new.

*Amen.*

## Feast Days for the Week Ahead

**11th** Good Shepherd Sunday  
**12th** Venerable Edel Mary Quinn  
**13th** Our Lady of Fatima  
**14th** St Matthias  
**15th** St Carthage  
**16th** St Brendan the Navigator  
Edel was nicknamed "Our Lady's Little Lamp" even while suffering ill health Edel continued to work enthusiastically. Do I always work with love and good cheer, do I work enthusiastically?

## Get to know Glenstal Abbey

Boys in 4th & 5th class are invited to 'Get to Know' Glenstal Abbey School

**Saturday 10 May from 10am to 3pm**

The boys will try out classes, have lunch in the refectory, tour the dorms and play some music and sports. The school would be delighted to welcome families to Glenstal to find out more about the secondary school education on offer here, and our day boarding, 5-day boarding and full boarding options.

Please contact 061 621011 or admissions@glenstal.com for details of how to register.

## Confirmation

There will be no 11am Mass on Friday 16 May | Confirmation ceremonies on that day are:

**10am** St. Mary's Primary School  
**12.30** CBS  
**2.30pm** GAU Confirmation May 16th  
*Bishop Fintan will be present for all ceremonies*

## Anam Cara

Anam Cara's upcoming Bereavement Information and Support Evening for Parents taking place on Thursday 15 May 2025 in Milford Care Centre from 7pm to 9pm

## Life Lessons

You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them.  
That's how prayer works.

—Pope Francis

## Anniversaries | Sat 10 - Sun 18 May

### St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 10th 6.15pm Baby Tadhg De Vito (MM)  
Michael Collins (1st A)  
Michael Burke  
Tony White  
John O'Sullivan  
Mary Gill  
Sun 11th 12noon Margo Hodgins (MM)  
Michael Burke (1st A)  
Jack & Brigid McIntyre  
Michael Hunt  
Daniel Flannery  
Eileen Cassidy & deceased members  
of Cassidy & Barry families  
Noreen Lane  
Tues 13th 11am Denis & Mary Kate Maher & sons Pat  
& Seamus  
Sat 17th 6.15pm Mick Abbott (MM) & his wife Nell  
Michael Ryan (MM)  
Margaret O'Dwyer (1st A)  
Mai Clerihan  
Tim Maher  
Billy Shoer & Baby James  
Bridget Lonergan  
Margaret & Willie McLoughlin  
James & Mary Kate Creagh &  
deceased family members  
James Norris  
Tommy Brett

### St John the Baptist

Sat 10th 7.30pm Liam & Val Gleeson  
Michael, Des & James Treacy  
Sun 11th 10.30am Thos Duff  
Sat 17th 7.30pm Pat Naughton (MM)

## Readers | 17-18 May 2025

**6.15pm** Liam Gleeson  
**7.30pm** Eamonn Dillon  
**8am** Tess O'Kennedy  
**10.30am** Patricia Fitzgerald  
**12noon** Mary Slattery  
**6pm** Youth Ministry

## NOTICE BOARD

**Weekly Collection** €3,830 Thank you for your generosity.  
**Parish Office Opening Hours** Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm  
(4pm on Fridays)

## Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Killaloe

### Sunday 11th May

Safeguarding. Pope Francis reminded us that, 'in the Confiteor, we ask forgiveness not only for the wrong we have done, but also for the good we have failed to do'

In the past, the Catholic Church in Ireland failed in its duty to protect children and young people. Church policies have focused on establishing consistent standards to prevent abuse and assist the Church on its journey to learn from the mistakes of the past and ensure that children's safety is a core part of its mission.

## Our Changing Church

The Killaloe Diocese Adult Faith Team invites you to a talk/discussion on Saturday, 24 May, 10am- 1pm in the Nenagh Pastoral Centre. Our speaker will be Michael Conway, Professor of Faith & Culture in Maynooth, who will present current changes happening in the Church and initiate a dialogue on our possible response.