

## Nenagh Parish News

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St Mary of the Rosary  
1896-2025

St John the Baptist  
1970-2025

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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

(and Wednesdays at 7.00pm)

**Silvermines** 8.00pm

**Sunday**

**Carrig** 10.00am

**Portroe** 10.00am

**Ballywilliam** 11.15am

**Curreeny** 10.00am

**Silvermines** 11.00am

### World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation | 1 September 2025

September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, opens the Season of Creation each year. Since adding this day to the Catholic liturgical calendar in 2015, Pope Francis issued an official message each year, offering his reflections on the Season of Creation ecumenical theme.

This year, 2025, he took a slightly different path. He chose a theme to complement and support the ecumenical theme of Peace with Creation. His theme: Seeds of Peace and Hope. Then, as we know, on April 21st, Easter Monday, Pope Francis died, rising with Christ to new life of profound peace & prophetic hope.

While Francis had selected the Catholic theme for this year's Season of Creation, he left the reflection and official message to his successor. Pope Leo XIV begins his reflection by noting how appropriate this theme is during this Jubilee year in which we are being called to be Pilgrims of Hope.

He then notes Jesus's frequent use of the image of seeds, even applying it to himself as a grain of wheat that must die to bring forth its fruit. In the mystery of their death, seeds are transformed and new life, new beginnings emerge. In Christ, he writes, we too are seeds, "seeds of peace and hope."

Here he draws into his reflection this year's ecumenical theme based on Isaiah 32:14-18: the promise that "a spirit from on high will be poured out on us" and the desert created by so much injustice and abuse of Earth will be transformed into a fruitful field, a garden of beauty and peace.

That desert of devastation, however – from deforestation and pollution to the loss of biodiversity and ever more frequent and intense storms, fires, and even wars – is still with us. It hurts the poor, the marginalized, the excluded, and indigenous communities the most. And all of these wounds are the result of sin. Pope Leo insists, then, that environmental justice is an urgent need, a matter of social, economic, and all-around human justice. And it is above all a duty born of faith since the Universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ. We must sow many seeds of justice to contribute to the growth of peace, offering us new hope. He closes his message with these words:

I pray that Almighty God will send us in  
abundance his "Spirit from on high" (Isaiah  
32:15), so that these seeds and others like  
them, may bring forth an abundant harvest of  
peace and hope.

The Encyclical Laudato Si has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply, to be "tilled and kept" by the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ. In his name, I offer all of you my blessing.

### Feast Days for the Week Ahead

**31st** St Aidan of Lindisfarne  
**1st** The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation  
**3rd** St Gregory the Great  
**4th** St Mac Nissi

Leave me alone with God as much as may be. As the tide draws the water close in upon the shore. Make me an island, set apart, alone with you. God, holy to you. Then with the turning of the tide. Prepare me to carry your presence to the busy world beyond, the world that rushes in on me, till the waters come again and fold me back to you.

### St Therese of Lisieux

As part of the Centenary Celebrations of St Therese of Lisieux's Canonisation we are travelling throughout Ireland with the Relics of St Therese and her Parents St Louis & St Zelig Martin. Our next visit will be to Ballynacally in Co Clare on 12 September 2025. We will be there for the 7pm Mass & will have Veneration of the Relics from 6.15pm & again after Mass.

### Do You Crave The Silence???

The convent of Rögge, in the southern Swedish region of Skåne, is a place of silence. On Sundays, in addition to the few residents, guests from cities like Malmö, Stockholm and Lund visit the local church. Many of them are not Catholic, explained Sister Veronica, who has been part of the Dominican community for some years. "They say: I don't know who I am. I want silence. I want to find myself," she said.

Sister Veronica is from Paris, and is the only foreigner in the small community. Before joining the Rögge convent, she spent many years living in a lay community. She converted to the Catholic Church just nine years later. She moved to Sweden in 2021, at her superior general's request.

"I was very happy. I had read the book about Nils Holgersson as a little girl," she recalled with a smile. The situation in Sweden, however, was completely different. "When I arrived, I had significant prejudices", she affirmed. She was struck by how little was known about the Catholic Church. "Many people didn't even know that Catholics are Christians," she noted. She now lives in Rögge with three other religious sisters. The Catholic Church in Sweden is small, but this is precisely what piques outsiders' curiosity. The convent makes its history accessible on social media, including Facebook. In this way, even people who are not religious, but are open to the experience of silence, can draw near. The Dominican spirituality provides a space to those who are seeking direction. "People don't come because they're looking for the Catholic Church," said Sr. Veronica. "They come because they're looking for themselves."

### This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...the Season of Creation 2025



**Creator of all,**

we praise you for the gift of life

and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have become—

from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.

Fertile fields have become barren,

forests lie desolate,

oceans and rivers are polluted.

Thriving communities have become places of suffering,

and the earth cries out.

**Beloved Christ,**

who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts,

stir us to compassionate action.

Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships—

with you, with the ecumenical community,

with the human family,

and with all Creation.

**Prince of Peace,**

through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity

with the woundedness of others,

of creation, and of the world.

Through your resurrection,

make us people of hope—

with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares

and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family,

to labor for your peace—

a shalom where all your people

may dwell in safety,

and rest in quiet places.

**Amen.**



### Life in the Spirit Seminar – ‘Come to me all you who are weary and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest’ Matthew 11:28

Life In The Spirit Seminars, for the Odhran Pastoral Area and surrounding parishes.

Starting Tuesday 16th September for 7 consecutive Tuesdays at 7.30pm in St John The Baptist Church, Tyone, Nenagh E45 CX37.

Guest Speakers each night and personal testimonies from **Marie Beirne** (National Charismatic Ireland Service Committee), **Joc Saunders** (Church of Ireland), **Fr Rexan Chullickal** Co-PP (Nenagh), **Fr Jarek** (Glenstal Abbey), **Rev. Nigel Gill** (Methodist Church, Birr), **Aileen Hudson** (Avila Retreat Centre, Dublin) and **Fr Anton Pasalic** (CC Roscrea).

In a seven-week series of prayer, praise, teachings, testimonies, music and song, the Life in the Spirit Seminar deepens our relationship with God. The power of the Holy Spirit can bring us from a distant knowledge of Jesus, to a deep personal experience of Him, as someone who help us with the trials and tribulations of everyday life.

1. Tue 16th September - Gods Love
2. Tue 23rd September - Salvation
3. Tue 30th September - New Life
4. Tue 7th October - Receiving God's Gift
5. Tue 14th October - Baptism in the Spirit
6. Tue 21st October - Growth
7. Tue 28th October - Transformation in Christ

Registration on Tuesday 16th September at 7pm sharp. All are welcome

### Anniversaries | Sat 30 August - Sun 7 September St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 30th 6.15pm

Sean Paul Brady (1st A)

Mary Bonfield

Sun 31st 12noon

Jimmy O'Grady (1st A) & his wife

Molly

Billy & Betty White

Billy Costello & his brother-in-law

Michael Fitzpatrick

Eileen Lowney

Eileen & John Cahill & Sarah & Tom

Sexton

Mon 1st 11am

Ann (Nancy) Hawkins (1st A)

May Walsh

Fri 5th 11am

Margaret Robson

Sat 6th 6.15pm

Breda Morrissey

Margaret O'Brien

Sharon Kennedy

John Looney & sons Richard & Jack

& Burke family

Kevin O'Brien (1st A)

John & Cora McLoughlin

Billy & Tony Ryan

Billy & Rita Ryan & deceased family

members

Kathleen Ashman

**St John the Baptist**

Sat 6th 7.30pm

Michael Grey & his daughter Liz

### Readers | 6 - 7 September 2025

**6.15pm**

Peggy Shoer

**7.30pm**

Ann Marie McCann

**8am**

Geraldine Armitage

**10.30am**

Deborah O'Driscoll

**12noon**

Conor DeLoughrey

**6pm**

Delsy Pauly

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**Office Opening Hours** Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm (4pm on Fridays)

### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

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**Appeal:** In these troubled times we ask that you pray this prayer every day so our world may one day know God's peace.



### How to Donate to Nenagh Parish

For technical reasons, the Tap to Donate facility has been removed from St Mary of the Rosary Church. We have generated this QR code that can be used to make your weekly donation on our Payzone online. This is an alternative method of contributing to the weekly Parish Collection.