Nenagh Parish Rews **5 October 2025**

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 Curreeny 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 Killeen 10.00am Silvermines 11.00am

Fr Pat Gilbert Fr Rexon Chullickal Fr Lorcán Kenny Fr Jofin Jose



Saint John Henry Newman, the 19th-century's most important English-speaking Catholic theologian, spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian in both churches. Born in London, England, he studied at Oxford's Trinity College, was a tutor at Oriel College, and for 17 years was vicar of the university church, St. Mary the Virgin. He eventually published eight volumes of Parochial and Plain Sermons as well as two novels. His poem, "Dream of Gerontius," was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar. After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church's debt to the Church Fathers and challenged any tendency to consider truth as completely subjective. Historical research made Newman suspect that the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church that Jesus established. In 1845, he was received into full communion as a Catholic. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by Saint Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London and for seven years served as rector of the Catholic University of Ireland. Before Saint John Henry Newman's Story, Catholic theology tended to ignore history, preferring instead to draw deductions from first principles-much as plane geometry does. After Newman, the lived experience of believers was recognized as a key part of theological reflection. Newman eventually wrote 40 books and 21,000 letters that survive. Most famous are his book-length Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine, On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine, Apologia Pro Vita Sua-his spiritual autobiography up to 1864-and Essay on the Grammar of Assent. He accepted Vatican I's teaching on papal infallibility while noting its limits, which many people who favored that definition were reluctant to do. When Saint John Henry Newman's Story was named a cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto "Cor

ad cor loquitur"—"Heart speaks to heart." He was buried in Rednal 11 years later. After his grave was exhumed in 2008, a new tomb was prepared at the Oratory church in Birmingham. Three years after Newman died, a Newman Club for Catholic students began at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In time, his name was linked to ministry centers at many public and private colleges and universities in the United States. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Newman in London. Benedict noted Newman's emphasis on the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society, but also praised his pastoral zeal for the sick, the poor, the bereaved, and those in prison. Pope Francis canonized Newman in October 2019. Saint John Henry Newman's liturgical feast is celebrated on October 9.

Wish Every Success to Ireland's Newest Seminarians

Thirteen new seminarians have begun their 2025-2026 academic programme and priestly formation for Irish dioceses. Welcoming the new student intake, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, chair of the Bishops' Council for Vocations, said, "It is really heartening that thirteen men have started as seminarians in various locations to study on propaedeutic courses. This brings the number of men training for the priesthood for Irish dioceses to 77 in total. We thank God for each of them.

"In recent years, there has been a small but steady number of men beginning their studies for priesthood for Irish dioceses. While this is encouraging, in no way should this trend make us complacent. We need more priests and we must continue to do what we can to promote priestly vocations in families and in our parishes. Firstly, we must believe in the utter need for priests to continue the sanctifying work of Jesus Christ. Without the priest there is no Eucharist, and without the Eucharist there is no Church. We need to pray, but not only to offer a few quick prayers of the faithful, rather to beg the Lord of the Harvest to send us more priests. Then we need to create spaces where young men can explore their vocation in life by first becoming disciples. They need formation and companionship – a nurturing place where they can belong and grow."

"From discipleship particular vocations will emerge. We also need to put resources in place to continually get the message out about the attractiveness of priesthood. In this regard, I thank vocations directors around the country who work hard every day to promote vocations, and the Knights of Saint Columbanus for their continued support. I have no doubt that the numbers going forward will grow, and I am optimistic for the future of priesthood in Ireland," Bishop Cullinan said. Also welcoming the new seminarians was Father Willie Purcell, National Diocesan Vocations Coordinator, who said, "The thirteen men who are beginning their vocational journey by entering the propaedeutic year demonstrates to the world that God never ceases to call men to diocesan priesthood. I pray that vocations to the priesthood will continue in the coming years. The Church and the faithful need priests. I wish to especially thank all the vocations directors across the country for their work in accompanying those who are discerning a vocation to diocesan priesthood." The thirteen new seminarians are currently undertaking their Propaedeutic Year in the following locations: the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Dundalk, Archdiocese of Armagh; Royal English College Valladolid, Spain; Royal Scots College Salamanca, Spain; and, the Pontifical Irish College, Rome. This figure of thirteen brings the total number of seminarians studying for the priesthood for Irish dioceses to 77.

Nenagh Parish Shop

For the foreseeable future, the Parish Shop located at the rear of St Mary of the Rosary church will be relocated to the Parish Office on weekdays (Mon-Fri). Our friendly Parish Office staff will be more than happy to assist you with your purchases. A decision will be made in due course on the weekend opening hours. Thank you.

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...when we feel lonely or afraid



Loving Jesus, our Lord and guide, Help me know you are by my side. If I ever feel lonely or afraid, Remind me of the good things God has made. The people who show me love and care. The beautiful world which we all share, Animals, plants, stars in the sky, The gentle breeze when you pass by, The sun, the moon, the sea, the land; The joy of holding my friend's hand. These things show me how close you are, that through my life you'll never be far. Help me be a good friend to you, Through my words, my prayers, and all I do. Help me share your love with the world God made, So that others may never feel lonely or afraid. Amen.

Feast Days for the Week Ahead

5th St Faustina Kowalska

6th St Bruno

7th Our Lady of the Rosary

8th St Triduana

St John Henry Newman 9th

10th St Loman of Lough Gill Children's Day of Mission Prayer

11th St Canice

St. John Henry Newman: "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often." Are we open to change? Can we embrace change?

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. For 7 consecutive Tuesdays at 7.30pm in St John The Baptist Church, Tyone,

Tue 7th October

- Receiving God's Gift

Tue 14th October

- Baptism in the Spirit

Tue 21st October

- Growth

Tue 28th October

- Transformation in Christ

Accord Marriage Preparation Programmes

Are you getting married in 2026? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation programmes for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church. Make a booking today for courses in Nenagh or Ennis at www.accord.ie

Medjugorje Afternoon Prayer

Medjugorje Afternoon Prayer in the Day Care Centre, Monday 6th October at 4pm. All welcome.

Autumn Act of Kindness

Cup of Kindness

This Autumn we are asking for donations of Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate/Herbal Teas, etc.

All will be donated to both Nenagh St Vincent de Paul and The Ruhama Project, Limerick, who helps trafficked women.

For Nenagh Parish - any donations can be dropped into the Parish Office

www.ruhama.ie

Anniversaries | Sat 27 - Sun 5 October

Sat 4th 6.15pm Denise Mitchell (MM)

Christopher O'Toole (1st A)

Maura Power (1st A) Michael Shoer & Gerard Walsh

Claire Hurley

Sun 5th 12 noon Catherine, Elizabeth & Mary

Ann Slattery

Nancy Brett

Josie & Sean Bourke & their son

John Bourke

Michael Gleeson, his wife Aileen, son Desmond & daughter Yvonne

Patrick & Michael Hallinan & deceased family members

Sun 5th 6pm Billy Talbot (1st A)

Willie Kelly

Sat 11th 6.15pm Bernard Chadwick (MM)

Donal Kealy (1st A)

Mary Daly

Michael O'Shaughnessy

Eileen Mitchell

Sun 12th 12 noon Noreen Hogan (MM) &

deceased family members Michael McLoughlin

Paige Corcoran Peter Daly Jane Devaney

Sun 12th 6pm John & Cora McLoughlin

Frank & Mona Tipping

St. John the Baptist

Sat 4th 7.30pm

Danny & Theresa Nevin & deceased family members

Ina Gleeson

Patrick Kelly & his son John

Sun 5th 10.30am

Bridget Treacy (MM)

Michael & Patrick Gilmartin Sat 11th 7.30pm

Robert (Bobby) Shoer

Sun 12th 10.30am Mary Ryan

Vincent Kinsella

Readers | 11-12 October 2025

Sean Dwan 6.15pm 7.30pm Ann Marie McCann Paul O'Dwyer 8am 10.30am Deborah O'Driscoll **Noel Tomlinson** 12noon 6pm Martin O'Brien

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