

Nenagh Parish News

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St Mary of the Rosary
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St John the Baptist
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Mass Times
St Mary of the Rosary
Weekend Masses:
 Saturday 10am | Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
 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
Youghal 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

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...the beginning of Lent

Almighty and ever living God,
 you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.
 May this time be one of outward focus;
 seeking you in those we often ignore.
 Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.
 Give us hearts hungry to serve you
 and those who need what we have to give.
Amen.

Feast Days for the Week Ahead

16th St Daniel
17th St Fintan
18th Ash Wednesday
19th St Conrad of Piacenza
21st St Peter Damian, Bishop

Apostolic Work

The Puckane & Carrig Branch of Apostolic Work will hold their Annual Display of work on Sunday 1 March in Ballycommon Hall from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. There will be a raffle on the day with all proceeds from the day going to the Missions. You may become an Honorary member by paying a small Annual subscription.
 Anybody wishing to donate a Sacred Vessel to the missions in memory of a loved one can do so. For full details and any other enquiries please contact any of the following committee:
Margaret 067 24235 **Peggy** 067 24193 or **Betty** 067 32747

Invitation to Reflect on the Sunday Gospels for Lent

St. John the Baptist Church, Tyone starting **Monday 16th February at 7.30pm**. The *Baptised and Sent* Lenten resources are rooted in *Baptised and Sent*, the preparatory document of the National Pre-Synodal Assembly. They invite us, week by week during Lent, to rediscover our baptismal identity and mission through Gospel reflection, shared listening, and concrete action. All are welcome.

Thank You from Mary's Meals

Sincere thanks to everyone who made the concert for Mary's Meals such a success. Total raised €4460.00. *That will feed a lot of children.*

Nenagh Lions Club "Thank You" Coffee morning

Please join us for complimentary coffee/tea and buns at the Country Market, New Institute Hall, Friar's Lane on Friday 27 February from 8am to 12 noon in appreciation of the generous contributions to our Christmas Food Appeal which has helped people locally.

Bishop Willie Walsh First Anniversary

Bishop Willie's first anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Ennis on Saturday next 21st February at 11am. After mass, the new Cathedral Plaza in front of the Cathedral will be dedicated to his memory and will be known as the Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza. All are welcome to attend.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead both our Diocesan summer and autumn pilgrimages this year. Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th June cost €990 pps & Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October cost €960 pps. Book directly with joewalshours.ie or tel 01 2410800
 A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in Accueil Norte Dame in the grounds of the sanctuary. For more information on this section only please contact Mary Freeman at marybfreeman@gmail.com or tel 087 9777896

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Ash Wednesday 2026

St Mary of the Rosary Church

Distribution of Ashes will take place after 8am and 11am Mass
 There will also be an opportunity 1pm - 1.30pm

This week we will mark Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent for many Christians. For more than fifteen hundred years, Christians have used these words (below right) to mark the day as they dip their fingers into ash, and smudge bowed foreheads with the sign of the cross. The words allude to when God admonished Adam and Eve as they left paradise in the Book of Genesis.

As Harvard Divinity School Professor Stephanie Paulsell says, "When we repeat (the words), we remember that we continue that journey into the vast, fallen world. With our foreheads smeared with ashes, we are called upon to face our own mortality and failings."

It is sobering to confront the prospect of one's own morality. Especially as we live in a culture that tells us if we maintain a strict diet, if we stockpile money, if we track our steps, if we master life... we can cheat death. In our heart of hearts, however, we know quite simply this isn't true.

In the act of receiving ashes, we are called to bare our whole selves to God - our beautiful, messy, sinful selves. There is no hiding behind veiled words or illusive concepts. Ash Wednesday cuts through all of that.

There is comfort in the transparency and honesty of the day. When we confess our human brokenness and finitude, there is a sense of relief and liberation that comes with knowing it is not all up to us. God is God, and what's more God loves and welcomes us without condition or exception.



*Remember
 you are
 dust, and
 to dust you
 shall return.*

The Fast Life

This Lenten Season...

Fast from judging others;
 Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness;
 Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute;
 Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent;
 Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;
 Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism;
 Feast on hope.

Fast from negatives;
 Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness;
 Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;
 Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;
 Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip;
 Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm;
 Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety;
 Feast on faith.

Biblical Significance of 40!

Lent recalls the forty days of our Lord's fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into His public ministry. We read in the Gospel: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt. 4:1-2). Like Moses, who fasted before receiving the tablets of the Law on Mount Sinai (cf. Ex.34:28) and Elijah's fast before meeting the Lord on Mount Horeb (cf. 1Kings 19:8), Jesus, too, through prayer and fasting, prepared Himself for the mission that lay before Him, marked at the start by a serious battle with the devil. Throughout the Bible, the number 40 appears 146 times, typically reflecting a time of probation, testing or trial. In the Old Testament, the number 40 is referenced numerous times—for example, God sends 40 days and 40 nights of rain during the flood, Jonah powerfully warned ancient Ninevah, for forty days, that its destruction would come because of its many sins. The prophet Ezekiel laid on his right side for 40 days to symbolise Judah's sins (Ez. 4:6). Because of their sins after leaving Egypt, the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years before a new generation was allowed to possess the Promised Land. Although the Bible has one Divine author, it was written by 40 writers over a span of about 1,600 years from 1513BC to about 98AD.

Lenten Scripture in the Pastoral Centre

On Tuesday evenings come to the Pastoral Centre, to read and explore the Scriptures for each Sunday this Lent, learn a little about their biblical background and find a prayerful response to them. The text will be provided.

Anyone who would like to comment is welcome, as is anyone who wants to listen quietly. No expertise is needed, no response is 'wrong', all are welcome.

Tuesdays | 7.30pm | Pastoral Centre, starting 17 February

Anniversaries | Sat 14 - Sun 22 February

St Mary of the Rosary
Sat 14th 6.15pm Patrick (Pat) Costello (1st A)
 Kathleen Mitchell
 Kathleen Cullen & her son Noel
 Jean Gleeson
Sun 15th 8am Murty Hogan
Sun 15th 12noon Joe & Eileen Cooney & their son-in-law Paul Morris
 Mick Starr
 Mick & Peg Power
 Pat Hynes
 May O'Toole & Pdraig Lynch
 William (Billy) Keogh
 Margaret Starr (1st A)
 Pat Creagh
 Peggy O'Meara
 Rita Shanahan
 Patricia Morris Thompson
Sun 15th 6pm Baby John McKenna
 Ann Murphy (MM)
 Mick Burns
 Tess Whelan
 Edward & Elizabeth Flannery
 Jean Morrissey
Fri 20th 11am Kay Kennedy (MM)
Sat 21st 6.15pm Joseph Mitchell
 Patsy Barrett
 Boiesie Hogan
 Ann & John Ryan
 Denis O'Shea
St. John the Baptist
Sat 14th 7.30pm Paddy & Mikey Gilmartin
Sun 15th 10.30am Alice Hayden
 Paddy & Kathleen Ryan & Paddy & Theresa Collins & daughter Margaret
 Gerard Gleeson & his sister baby Bridget
Sat 21st 7.30pm Margaret & Dick Ryan & son John Valley & Nancy Moran
 Francis Martin
 Samuel Deoca
Sun 22nd 10.30am May Shinnors
 Kathleen & Jimmy Grace

Our Faithful Departed

Tomás Ryan
 Margaret O'Sullivan
May They Rest In Peace. Amen

Readers | 21-22 February 2026

6.15pm Peggy Shoer
7.30pm Patricia Finn
8am Pat Meagher
10.30am Patricia Fitzgerald
12noon Eilish Carter
6pm Youth Ministry



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