

Nenagh Parish News

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St Mary of the Rosary
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St John the Baptist
1970-2026

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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

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



Giving things up for Lent...in a meaningful way

Lauren Winner in her book "Giving up reading" says that there was nothing she liked better than curling up with a good book she devoured novels, mysteries, biographies, and memoirs. Working in publishing herself, she had access to every imaginable title. She always had a book with her on the bus, in restaurants, in the park, at the beach.

On Ash Wednesday, she heard her friend, the priest, preach on fasting. He spoke of the need to give up something that was truly important, giving to God "something that really matters, something you really love, something that is hard to do without."

After the liturgy, the two met for coffee. She said she was impressed by the sermon and was thinking about what to "fast" from this Lent.

Pointing to the book she always carried, he challenged her: "Reading, it seems to me, is something you really love. It may be the thing you love most. I would like you to give up reading for Lent. I think you might spend some of the time you spend with books connecting with other people."

"O.K.," she said, recklessly, thinking that she was just going to give up a leisurely activity for a few weeks.

But it turned out to be more of a struggle than she imagined. She discovered that reading was much more than a fall-back activity in her life - it was her life. Giving up that new mystery or novel did not just leave her with more free time. It also left her starkly alone with her life.

She remembers: "I read for many reasons -for information, for pleasure, and because I want to figure out the craft of putting a sentence together. But I know I also read to numb any feelings of despair or misery...as a tonic or an escape route. When I am upset or sad, my cure is to get absorbed in some feel-good novel I've read a dozen times.

"During Lent, I didn't have that cure, and I found myself, not surprisingly, praying more. I prayed more because I had time on my hands. And I prayed more because I didn't have the usual distractions. I was face-to-face with my sadness and my mistakes and could not take them [to some imaginary place]. I had to take them to God. "Of course, that is what the priest had intended. He didn't want me to give up reading just because it was the equivalent of some dearly loved possession, but because it might move me closer to God."

Lent is the season for such meaningful and focused fasting - fasting not just for the sake of "giving something up" but putting aside whatever derails or hampers our relationship with God and alienates us from others. Such fasting can be the beginning of transforming our lives from a stressful, frustrating struggle to make everything work to finding peace in discovering exactly what it is important and fulfilling. Fasting can also be a beautiful means of expressing thanks to God from whom all good things come. And, even in our own time, fasting can be a forceful cry for justice for the poor and destitute, for the powerless and oppressed. Meaningful Lenten fasting enables us to go off into the "wilderness" and take a hard look at the choices we make in our lives and the values upon which we actually live our lives, without the distractions that steal our attention and energy from the things of God.

ASI Family Support Group

The next ASI Support Group, which provides useful information & practical advice for those caring for someone with dementia or cognitive impairment, will meet in Nenagh Library on Wed 25th Feb, between 11 - 12:30. All are welcome.

Nenagh Memory Café

The next Nenagh Memory Café, a get-together for those living with dementia or cognitive impairment, will be held on Thurs 5th March in the Silverarch Family Resource Centre, 52 Silver St., Nenagh, between 11 - 1pm. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine

Led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Roza Palic
Saturday 7th March & Sunday 8th March.
Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com



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

Almighty Father,
as we walk with Jesus through these days of Lent, show us how to know Him more nearly and love Him more dearly each day. Confident of the light and strength of the Holy Spirit, as we embark on our Lenten journey, we ask these graces in the name of Jesus who lived and died that we may have new life.
Amen.

Feast Days for the Week Ahead

23rd St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr
24th St John Theristus
25th Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio
26th St Porphyry of Gaza
27th St Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
28th St Oswald

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 | 24 February

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.

Arra Historical and Archaeological Society - Public Lecture

Speaker John Flannery - Local Historian
Title *Might be Better Designated Slaughterhouse - Auxiliary Workhouses in Ireland*
Date and Time Thursday 26 February 2026 at 8pm
Venue Reidy's Bar, Newtown

Sincere thanks to all who donated to the Pro-life Campaign collection at the masses last weekend. The total collected was €718.69

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 27th February from 8am to 12 noon in appreciation of the generous contributions to our Christmas Food Appeal which has helped people locally.

Nenagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Meets each Tuesday at Nenagh Pastoral Centre
Church Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary E45 YX06
7.30pm - Rosary | 8pm - 9pm - Prayer and Praise, Scripture
Healing Night - 1st Tuesday of every month.
Musicians and Singers always welcome. Come and See.

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Weekly Collection €3,510 Thank you for continued Support.
Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm (4pm Fridays)

Anniversaries | Sat 21 - Sun 1 March

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 21st 6.15pm Ann Murphy (MM)
Mick Burns
Tess Whelan
Edward & Elizabeth Flannery
Jean Morrissey
Sun 22nd 12 noon Kay Kennedy (MM)
Joseph Mitchell
Patsy Barrett
Boysie Hogan
Ann & John Ryan
Denis O'Shea
Mon 23rd 11am Denis Delahaunty
Ann Bradley
Tues 24th 11am Ann Ryan
Pat & Ann Cannon
Thurs 26th 11am John Walsh
Ted, Madge, Robert & Jessica
Lauder
Sat 28th 6.15pm Florrie O'Donoghue (MM)
Bill & Tess Lawlor & deceased family members
Eileen Doyle & her father Hugh Doyle
Margaret & Michael Toohy & deceased family members
Martin Ryan
Sun 1st 8am Tom (Thomas) Shanahan
Sun 1st 12 noon Mayia Kate George (1st A)
Kathleen Reddan
Patrick & Arlene Dempsey
Maura Spillane
Billy Barry
Noreen Ryan
Hugh & Bill Slattery
John Hogan & his recently deceased wife Noreen
Sun 1st 6pm
Sat 21st 7.30pm **St. John the Baptist**
Margaret & Dick Ryan & their son John
Valley & Nancy Moran
Francis Martin
Samuel Deoca
Sean & Theresa Gleeson
Sun 22nd 10.30am May Shinnors
Kathleen & Jimmy Grace
Sat 28th 7.30pm Donny & Patsy Hassey
Ann Kelly
Sun 1st 10.30am Martin Ryan

Our Faithful Departed

Pascal Shoer
Declan O'Dowd
Kathleen Riordan
Pádraic (Pat) Curran
Teresa Creagh Jester, late of St. Josephs Park, died in USA
Mary (Maureen) Brett
John Lee
May They Rest In Peace. Amen

Readers | 28 February-1 March 2026

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