

# Nenagh Parish

## News

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St Mary of the Rosary  
1896-2026

St John the Baptist  
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### 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.



### Lord, Send Us Holy Shepherds

Join the Universal Church today in observing the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, as we ask the Lord to send laborers into His harvest! This day is a reminder to pray for and support those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church. Here are three simple ways you can participate:

- Pray:** Offer a Rosary or a personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations.
- Encourage:** Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.
- Special Intention at Mass:** Offer your Mass intentions for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.

*May we all be open to God's call in our own lives!*

### Pray for Vocations!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life - children, grandchildren, students, and friends - to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

### The Good Shepherd

Jesus often illustrated his teaching by referring to shepherds and sheep. He sees himself as the Good Shepherd foretold by the prophets. Today's gospel considers the relationship between the Good Shepherd and the sheep. The imagery is old. The message is topical. It is relevant to us. By faith we accept Jesus, Our relationship is a deeply personal one. The bond of love uniting us is based on the love that unites the Father & Jesus. Our new existence is founded on God's unbreakable love & faithfulness. In order to enter eternal life we must listen to Jesus and obey him. The alternative opening prayer puts this in practical terms. We have to tune our minds to the sound of his voice. Self-centredness can make us deaf to the voice of Jesus. Easy options can draw us into easier paths than the one he has traced. Pressure to abandon Christian principles is inevitable. But God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. No one can drag us away from him, The Father has entrusted us to his Son. The same God who kept faith with Jesus by raising him from the dead will also raise us by his power. Paul and Barnabas 'spoke out boldly', and made an impact. A courageous proclamation of the gospel to our contemporaries can be as fruitful now as it was in apostolic times. All the baptized, particularly those who are confirmed, are bound to spread the faith. Laity as well as priests and religious are in the service of the Risen Lord. Our faith urges us to take personal part in the work of evangelisation. Are we doing so? How many evils persist in our society just because good people say nothing and do nothing? A breviary hymn of Eastertide (no.25) spells out what is expected of us by the Risen Lord: Now he bids us tell abroad/How the lost may be restored/How the penitent forgiven/ How we too may enter heaven. "Good Shepherd Sunday" is a good occasion for us to think and pray about how the catholic church will fare for priests in the future. In Ireland right now it appears that the average age of ordained priests is about sixty five, a statistic that demands significant change in how to recruit priests for the future, and what is to be expected of them. Pdraig McCarthy made this point thus, "there is no such thing as a priestless parish. There may not be an ordained priest there, but the parish is a priestly people. How will this priesthood of the baptised take flesh in the coming decades? What factors which had value in the past are now hindering the mission of the church? What new model of ministerial priesthood is needed?"

**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

**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

### This Week We Offer A Special Prayer ...for vocations

O Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, to you we commend our young people, in particular those called to follow your Son as brothers, sisters, and priests. You know, O Mary, the struggles, doubts, and obstacles they must face. Assist them to answer Yes to the divine call, as you did at the invitation of the angel. Draw them near to your heart so that they can understand the joy that awaits them when they answer your Son's call to be witnesses of His love in the world. **Amen**

### Feast Days for the Week Ahead

- 27th St Asicus, Bishop
- 28th St Peter Chanel, Priest, martyr  
St Louis Marie Grignion de Monfort, Priest
- 29th St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, patron of Europe
- 30th St Pius V, Pope

### Michael English | Fundraising Concert

"A Special Evening Not To Be Missed"  
Proceeds in aid of **Sarcoma Cancer Ireland** and **Pieta House**, Nenagh.  
Venue: Church Of St. Mary Of The Rosary, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary  
Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May | Doors 7 PM | Show 8 PM  
Unreserved Seating | Tickets: Price: €30  
Available from: Nenagh Parish Office & Local Outlets  
Online: www.michaelenglish.ie

### Parkinsons Society - Thank You

The Parkinsons Society fundraising committee would like to thank the generosity of all those who subscribed to their fundraising event which raised €11,371.00. It is very much appreciated and thanks to all our volunteers for all their work.

### First Friday/First Saturday Vigil

A Vigil for First Friday/First Saturday will take place in the Sacristy of St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary commencing at 7.30p.m. on Friday 1 May. Holy Mass at 12 midnight. Vigil concludes at 2 a.m. Adoration and Rosary. All are welcome to attend all or part of the Vigil. (Entrance through the Sacristy door of the Church).

### Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations (extracts)

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people!  
Guided and protected by the Risen Jesus, we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter – also called "Good Shepherd Sunday" – the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the interior dimension of vocation, understood as the discovery of God's free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts. Let us explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us.  
Dear young people, listen to this voice! Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ. Make time, then, for Eucharistic adoration; meditate faithfully on the word of God, so that you may put it into practice each day; and participate actively and fully in the sacramental and ecclesial life of the Church. In this way, you will come to know the Lord. Through the intimacy of his friendship, you will discover how to give of yourselves, whether through marriage, the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or consecrated life. Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy. To know the Lord means above all learning to entrust oneself to him and to his providence, which is abundant in every vocation.

### Anniversaries | Sat 25 April - Sun 3 May

**Sat 25th 6.15pm** **St Mary of the Rosary**  
Una McCarthy  
Seamus O'Shea  
Jack Looney, his brother Richard, his father Johnny & deceased members of Burke & Looney families  
Baby David Grace Donnellan

**Sun 26th 8am**  
Michael & Kathleen Starr & Leo Jacobs

**Sun 26th 12noon**  
Patrick Naughton (1st A)  
Ger Maher  
Maureen & Christy O'Brien  
Paddy & Chrissy Fagan & remembering their baby daughter, Christine  
Sean English  
Gerry McLoughlin  
Sean McKenna

**Sun 26th 6pm**  
**Mon 27th 11am**  
**Weds 29th 11am**  
**Friday 1st May 8am**  
**Sat 2nd 6.15pm**  
Michael & Margaret Mackey  
Robert Tomlinson  
Jean Ahearne (MM)  
John Joe Slattery (MM)  
Tony White  
James Hourigan  
Mary Quigley & deceased members of Quigley & Kelly families

**Sun 3rd 12noon**  
Aileen Bourke (MM)  
Peter Anthony Fahy  
Michael Finn & his dad Michael and Jenny Finn  
Billy Devereux  
Jack & Josephine Flannery  
Peter Hogan  
Brian McDonnell (1st A)

**Sun 3rd 6pm**

**Sat 25th 7.30pm** **St John the Baptist**  
Joseph Dervan  
**Sun 26th 10.30am**  
Mary Grace  
**Sat 2nd 7.30pm**  
Tim Hoare  
Des, Bridget, Michael, Jimmy & Alice Treacy  
**Sun 3rd 10.30am**  
M.M. Thomas

### PARISH OFFICE NOTICE BOARD

**Weekly Collection** €3,193 Thank you for continued support.  
**Office Opening Hours**  
Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm (4pm Fridays)

### Readers | 2-3 May 2026

6.15pm	Mary McGrath
7.30pm	Patricia Finn
8am	Margaret Grace
10.30am	Patricia Fitzgerald
12noon	Conor DeLoughrey
6pm	Martin O'Brien



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