

# Nenagh Parish

## News

10 May 2026

St Mary of the Rosary  
1896-2026

St John the Baptist  
1970-2026

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### Today's First Reading: A Commentary

This passage shows the Good News of Christ breaking beyond its original boundaries. Philip goes to Samaria - territory long marked by division - and proclaims Christ with striking effect: people listen, hearts are changed, and "there was great joy in that city." The Good News is not confined by history, prejudice, or geography; it seeks out those on the margins and restores unity where there has been separation.

When the apostles in Jerusalem hear of this, Peter and John are sent. Their prayer and the laying on of hands lead the new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. This reminds us that faith is both personal and communal: the same Spirit who stirs individual conversion also binds believers into the one Church through apostolic communion.

For us today, this reading is an invitation. First, to be like Philip - willing to cross boundaries, to speak of Christ with courage and simplicity. Second, to be open like the Samaritans - ready to receive the Word with joy. And finally, to cherish the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to strengthen us not only for our own sake, but for the life and unity of the whole Church.

### The Ascension of the Lord: Thursday 14 May 2026

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.

For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? and when he said: I was hungry and you gave me food.

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.

*This homily was written by the 5th century bishop, philosopher, & theologian, St. Augustine of Hippo.*

### 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

### This Week We Offer A Special Prayer ...to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and  
reveal a glorious message.  
We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the  
recitation of the Rosary.  
By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are  
recalled therein  
may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask,  
through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

### Feast Days for the Week Ahead

**12th** Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs  
St Pancras, Martyr  
**13th** Our Lady of Fatima  
**14th** The Ascension of the Lord

### C-SAW

C-SAW Nenagh have their listening service this Month on Thursday 14th May and Thursday 28th May in the Pastoral Centre, Church Road Nenagh, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Free refreshments available. C-SAW is a registered Suicide and Mental Health Charity (CN: 20206303). We're here to listen with no judgement and can provide help for anyone who needs it for whatever reason.

We also have a free phone service EVERY Friday and Sunday evening from 6pm to 9pm, call on 0871755750, you can text for a call back or just message if you need to talk.  
**C-SAW Nenagh, we're here to listen.**

### Nenagh Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2026

September 2nd to 9th, 2026. Depart from Shannon, Arrival at Mostar (Half an hour from Medjugorje).  
Price €915. For more information contact Declan Ryan on 087 9628129

### Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: Wednesday 13 May 2026

#### About Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. They were Lucia Santos, Blessed Jacinta Marto and Blessed Francisco Marto. Our Lady appeared to the children seven times and performed a miracle making the sun dance in the sky, which thousands of people witnessed.

She told the children to say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of war. This is why Our Lady of Fatima is also called Our Lady of the Rosary. She also requested us to pray the following prayer at the end of each mystery or decade of the Rosary: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen."

Later, Our Lady entrusted the children with three secrets. The first was a vision of Hell, and the second was a prophecy of the end of World War I and the beginning of World War II, and the need for Russia to convert to Christianity. The third secret is about the Holy Father being killed with bullets and arrows by soldiers at the foot of a cross, and many other people dying as well.

This Marian Apparition was approved by the Holy See in 1930. Around four million pilgrims visit the Basilica at Fatima every year.

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#### Office Opening Hours

Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm (4pm Fridays)

### Anniversaries | Sat 9 - Sun 17 May

#### St Mary of the Rosary

**Sat 9th 6.15pm**  
Sadie Coffey (MM)  
Michael Burke, Wolfe Tone Terrace  
David Walkin  
Liam & Mary Bourke & Mary & Adrian Moyles  
Nora Butler, her husband Pat, her sister Mary & deceased members of the Butler & Hartnett families  
**Sun 10th 8am**  
**Sun 10th 12noon**  
Tim Ryan  
Danny White (1st A)  
Philip Hynes  
Jane & Baby Willim Slattery  
Daniel Flannery  
Johnny McMahon  
Michael Hunt  
**Sun 10th 6pm**  
Breda Ross (MM)  
Mary Gill (nee Grace)  
Eileen Cassidy & deceased members of Cassidy & Barry families  
Christy Ryan  
Tim Ryan

**Mon 11th 11am**  
**Tues 12th 11am**  
Maura Dooley  
Mary Hogan & her sisters  
Johanna & Margaret Hogan

**Weds 13th 11am**  
Denis & Mary Kate Maher & sons Pat & Seamus

**Thurs 14th 11am**  
John & Amy Keevey and deceased family members

**Sat 16th 6.15pm**  
Margaret Brereton (MM)  
Ellen (Nellie) Abbott

**Sun 17th 12noon**  
Joseph Ryan  
Teresa Hodgins (MM)

Mae Clerihan  
Bridget Lonergan  
Margaret & William McLoughlin

James Norris  
Tim Maher

**Sun 17th 6pm**  
Billy Shoer & Baby James  
Michael Treacy & Brendan Mackey

Tommy Brett

#### St John the Baptist

**Sat 9th 7.30pm**  
**Sun 10th 10.30am**  
Tim Ryan  
Michael Collins  
Trudy Rouine & Pat Larkin

Tim Ryan  
Gerard Sherlock

**Sun 17th 10.30am**

### Readers | 16-17 May 2026

**6.15pm** Peggy Shoer  
**7.30pm** Patricia Ryan  
**8am** Helena O'Gorman  
**10.30am** Donal Mackey  
**12noon** Mary Slattery  
**6pm** Delsy Pauly



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