

Nenagh Parish

News

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St Mary of the Rosary
1896-2026

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
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 ...the Ascension of the Lord

Lord Jesus, you became man and came to live among us.
For love of us, you suffered and died for us.
Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day.

Today you return to your Father and our Father,
but you promised to remain with us until the end of time,
and to send us the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, purify and transform us,
kindle within us the fire of your love.

Amen.

Feast Days for the Week Ahead

18th St John 1, Pope, Martyr
19th St Dunstan, Bishop
20th St Bernardine of Siena, Priest
21st Ss Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and companions
22nd St Rita of Cascia

Nenagh World Aid Society

Nenagh World Aid Society will hold its cash and cheques street and churchyard Summer Collection on next weekend Saturday and Sunday 23rd/24th May. No donation will be considered too small.

Killaloe Music Festival

The SCS Killaloe Music Festival 2026 will take place across venues in Ballina and Killaloe from Wednesday 27 May to Monday 1 June. Enjoy an exciting programme of music and culture, including stunning evening and late night concerts in St. Flannan's Cathedral, featuring acclaimed national and international artists.

Ticket information and the full programme of headline concerts, family friendly events, school performances, community choral concert and daytime activities are available at killaloemusicfestival.com/programme-2026.

Holding Space In Light

Holding Space in Light on Friday 22 May in Nenagh Arts Centre is a Candlelight evening of music, song and contemporary dance in aid of Mental health and suicide with all proceeds been donated to Midlands Living Links and Shine. Cheese and wine reception from 7:15pm. Tickets €20 available through Nenagh Arts Centre. Raffle on the night.

Killaloe-Ballina Local History Talk - 20 May | 7:30pm

Connections & Reflections by Sandra Lefroy
In 2025, Sandra published a book - Connections and Reflections - and next Wednesday night, she will join us to tell us about the fascinating literary threads in her family history.
She will also tell the story of The Phoenix – one of Ireland's most important heritage boats, which is still afloat and belongs to the Lefroy family. Join us for an evening of literary, family and local history.
Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Lakeside Ballroom.
Our talks are free and everyone is welcome.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary will speak at all the masses on the weekend of 23rd and 24th May.

Readers | 23-24 May 2026

6.15pm Doley Quigley
7.30pm Eamonn Dillon
8am Pat Meagher
10.30am Bridget White
12noon Eilish Carter
6pm Youth Ministry

Anniversaries | Sat 16 - Sun 24 May

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 16th 6.15pm Margaret Brereton (MM)
Ellen (Nellie) Abbott
Joseph Ryan
Liam & Patrick Gleeson

Sun 17th 12 noon Teresa Hodgins (MM)
Thomas Ryan (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
Czeslawa Skowronska

Tues 19th 11am Tommy & Lizzie Treacy

Wed 20th 8am Thomas & Elizabeth Treacy

Fri 22nd 11am Chrissie Ryan & deceased family members

Sat 23rd 6.15pm Philomena Mitchell (1st A)
Mary Kate Creagh & deceased family members
Ann Galvin
Alice Furtado
M.P. & Joan Gleeson & deceased family members

Sun 24th 12 noon Sean Carey, Dublin Road (1st A)
Agnes McNamara
John Joe O'Sullivan & his daughter Sinéad

Sun 24th 6pm John Ryan
Terry Gleeson

St John the Baptist

Sun 17th 10.30am Gerard Sherlock

Sat 23rd 7.30pm Jim Sheahan
Jake O'Meara
Liz Grey, her father Michael & deceased family members

Sun 24th 10.30am Jimmy & Maura Lyons & Lily Glynn

The Ascension of the Lord

The Liturgical Feast

The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. With his Ascension into heaven, the presence of the "historical Christ" comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated.

The Eleven

The Community of disciples, who gathered the "testimonies" about the proclamation of the Gospel, was a Community that was wounded due to the absence of one of their companions, Judas. Even though it was imperfect, it was to this specific and real Community that Jesus entrusted the task of becoming witnesses of his Gospel, of his proposal of love.

Galilee

The text precisely states that the mission the disciples received brought them back to the beginning of their experience with Jesus: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? (Acts 1:11, today's First Reading). Galilee is where everything had begun. It was the place where they listened to Jesus, where the Community was formed, of daily life.

A new way of being

The text from Acts offers us some theological-spiritual coordinates to understand the mystery we are celebrating. The text says in Acts 1:11 that Jesus "was taken up". It places emphasis that it was an action of God. A cloud "took him from their sight" (v. 9) recalls the image of the cloud on Mount Sinai (Ex. 24:15), the cloud above the ark of the covenant (Ex. 33:9), and lastly, the cloud on the Mount of the

Transfiguration (Mk. 9:7). Jesus's Ascension into heaven, therefore, is not a "separation" but a different way of being. He explains why the disciples were "filled with joy" (see Lk. 24:52). Because Jesus died, rose, and now ascended, the gates of Heaven are open, the gates of eternal life. The "cloud of faith" that envelops our lives today is not an obstacle, but a way through which we can have a living and true experience of Jesus, since we have the certainty that if he has risen and ascended into heaven, the same destiny awaits us, since he is the first fruit (see 1 Cor. 15:20).

Church on the move

We do not await the last day idly, nor do we close ourselves in our own homes. But, as Jesus reminds us, we await the last day dedicated to a mission that reaches the ends of the earth. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:7ff). We are fortified by Jesus's promise: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19), where Jesus is our God, God-with-us (see Ex 3:12), Emmanuel (see Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14). And even if the disciples' faithfulness failed at times, God's faithfulness towards us never fails. This is why the journey of the community and of every disciple of the Risen Jesus is always open to new perspectives and possibilities, for nothing is impossible for God.

Tipperary Search and Rescue N.O.S.U. - Church Gate Collection

We are holding a Church Gate collection at St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh at both the 6.15pm Mass on Saturday 23 and 12noon on Sunday 24 May. All donations greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Parking In The Grounds of St Mary of the Rosary

A reminder to all people parking in St Mary of The Rosary Church grounds at Mass time to please respect the designated parking spaces and do not park in any space that will block access for the emergency services.

Also please ensure that the designated parking places are available to the people with limited mobility.
Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

HSE Living Well Programme

HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare are running the 'Living Well' programme which is a free of charge self-management programme for people with long term health conditions or their carers. The programme addresses topics such as fatigue, sleep, pain, stress, physical activity, healthy eating, difficult emotions, low mood, depression and general wellbeing. It takes place over 6 weeks, 2.5 hours per week with up to 15 people on the programme. A programme will commence in Tyone Community centre, Nenagh on Wednesday June 10th at 10.30am to 1pm, continuing each Wednesday for 6 weeks. Prior registration is necessary, call Philip at 087 1799396 for more information.



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