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

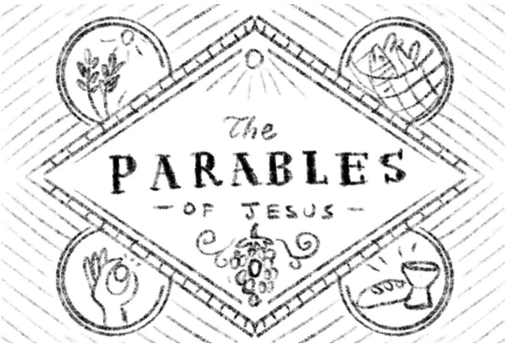
Odhrán Pastoral Area
Mass Times

Friday
Portroe 7.30pm
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

Fr Pat Gilbert *Fr Rexon Chullickal* *Fr Lorcán Kenny* *Fr Jofin Jose*



The Purpose of Parables

Contrary to popular belief, the purpose of parables is not to simplify the mysteries of the Kingdom. In the Old Testament, the world "parable" in Hebrew is defined as a cryptic saying that is used to stimulate thought. In the Old Testament, parables were used to humble, challenge, and move the Israelites towards repentance. They were often used to challenge corrupt leadership. One of the most iconic parables in the Old Testament is the parable of the poor man's ewe that the prophet Nathan tells King David in 2 Samuel 1-15. Nathan uses this powerful parable to confront David about his sin of adultery and murder. Nathan specifically uses the story of the poor man ewe's to emotionally draw David in since David was a shepherd as a boy. This parable deeply resonates with David, and he quickly identifies himself as the rich and sinful man in the parable. In this moment, David repents and realizes that he has sinned gravely against the Lord. We can see David's repentance in Psalm 51.

The Surprise of Parables

The parables represent a radical shift in Jesus' public ministry. The disciples were surprised when Jesus began teaching in parables.

"Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.'"- Matthew 13: 10-13

Jesus began preaching in parables as a direct response to something tragic that happened earlier that day. Earlier in chapter twelve of Matthew's Gospel, the Pharisees began plotting against Jesus to destroy him. They didn't like his teaching and the way he was interacting with sinners. Jesus begins using parables to highlight the corruption and hypocrisy of the Pharisees.

Parable of the Sower

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."- Matthew 13:18-23

Jesus uses the parable of sower to challenge the crowds, the Pharisees, and the disciples. In the parable, the sower represents God, and the seed represents his Word. In this parable, Jesus is asking all of us if our faith is taking deep root in our lives. Ask yourself where you are in this parable and examine your conscience!

- The seed that falls on the path is a reference to the Pharisees. They do not understand the scriptures, they think Jesus is a false prophet.
- The seed that falls on the rock is a reference to Jesus' followers who do not want to follow him to the cross.
- The seed that falls on the thorns is a reference Jesus' followers who do not want give up their earthly possessions to follow him.
- The seed that falls on good soil and bears much fruit is a reference to those who embrace Jesus' teaching fully.

Parable of the Prodigal Son

The parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32 is an invitation to the Pharisees to welcome sinners as they repent and turn to the Father. The imagery of feasting is seen in Jesus eating with sinners who were often marginalized in society. In this parable, the Pharisees are challenged to see themselves as the older brother in the parable who grumbles and complains at the return of his younger brother who was lost.

Dr Edward Sri

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer
...while driving

God, please help me arrive safely at my destination today.
I pray also for the safety of the other drives I'll share the road with today. Help me to be patient and attentive.
Protect me from any dangerous conditions I may encounter.
You're a God of protection, who guided and kept safe the journeys of Abraham and Sarah, and Mary and Joseph.
Protect me on my drive today.
St. Christopher, patron saint of travelers, pray for me!
Amen.

Feast Days for the Week Ahead

20th	St Margaret of Antioch
21st	St Lawrence of Brindisi
22nd	St Mary Magdalene
23rd	St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe
24th	St John Boste
25th	St James, Apostle

St. Culán's Holy Well

Prayers at St. Culán's Holy Well will take place on Friday 24th July at 7.30pm

Burren Outdoor Retreat

Burren Outdoor Retreat: Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

Lost and Found

Gold necklace with diamond pendant found on Tuesday night the 9th of June near Philly Ryans funeral home in Nenagh
For more information please contact Nenagh Parish office on 06731272

Why Sunday Matters: Continued

The Sunday Mass is not only a time for worship but also for mission. Having listened to God's word and received the gift of Christ's Body and Blood, we are sent to live out our faith in the world as missionaries; sent to share the love of Christ with others. As we participate in the Sunday Mass, we receive not only spiritual nourishment but also the strength to live out our Christian mission in daily life.

As the late Pope Francis reminded us, 'We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from Him. In this spirit, we are called to approach the Eucharist not out of obligation, but with a deep desire for spiritual transformation.' This is why attending Mass on Sundays is so vital – it nurtures and nourishes our faith and prepares us for the mission to which we are called. We invite you to reflect on how your participation in Sunday Mass helps you to live as a missionary disciple, bringing the hope and joy of the Gospel to those around you, and to the world at large.

Questions for personal and/or family reflection

- How can I enrich my experience of Mass and make it a central part of my life?
- Is this message calling me to any change in how I spend my Sunday?
- How can I best engage more young people in our celebration?
- Who can I share this message and its contents with?

Anniversaries | Sat 18 - Sun 26 July

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 18th 6.15pm	Dinny Crowe (MM) Alice Ryan (1st A) Sr. Regina (1st A) The Whelan Family late of Kickham Street
Sun 19th 8am	Ann & Gertrude Gaffney and deceased family members
Sun 19th 12noon	Denis Hogan (1st A) John & Kate Butler Tom & Margaret Hourigan Joe & Pauline McMahon Mary Jones Nonie Morris
Sun 19th 6pm	Mary & Jimmy Toohey and their sons Richard & Francis and grandson Willie
Mon 20th 11am	Elser Mitchell
Fri 24th 11am	Michael Courtney
Sat 25th 6.15pm	James Gleeson Maureen Treacy
Sun 26th 12 noon	Bridget O'Donnell (MM) Mary Kate O'Brien Kathleen & Tommy Whelan and Annie Kennerk Maureen Greene
Sun 26th 6pm	Nora Mullane (MM) and her husband Dan & his sister Peg

St John the Baptist

Sat 18th 7.30pm	James Burke
Sun 26th 10.30am	William and Bridget McGrath & their son Sean Nancy Duff

Our Faithful Departed

Seamus Gleeson
Donal (Daniel) Ryan
Lily Meachem, nee Toohey (formerly of St Joseph's Park) who died in England
Joyce Walsh
Josie Power

May They Rest In Peace. *Amen*.

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

Readers | *25-26 July 2026*

6.15pm	Mary McGrath
7.30pm	Patricia Ryan
8am	Joncy Matthew
10.30am	Donal Mackey
12noon	Mary Slattery
6pm	Delsy Pauly

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