Nenagh Parish News

22 November 2026
Solemnity of Christ the King

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

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

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Message of the Holy Father to young people all over the world for the 41st World Youth Day - 22 November 2026

"*Take courage! I have overcome the world.*" (Jn 16:33)

Dear Young People,

I wish to reach out to each of you with this message and, above all, to give thanks to God for the gift that you are to the Church and to society. He knows you, loves you and accompanies you on your journey through life. His Spirit inspires in all of you — different as you are and spread throughout the world — the same desire for things that are great and lasting, and moves you to seek freedom and truth. From God comes your desire to love and to be loved, as well as the hope that the Holy Spirit awakens in your hearts — a hope that can also become a light for others. For all of this, I give thanks to the Lord.

We are preparing to celebrate the 41st World Youth Day in our local Churches on 22 November, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, even as we look forward to our international gathering in Seoul in August 2027. In preparation for these events, I wish to entrust to you the words of Jesus: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33). These words will serve as our theme in the coming months, and I invite you now to begin reflecting on them with me.

Where does courage come from?

Christ's words begin with an invitation to take courage. I know well that, at times, instead of courage it is uncertainty or fear that can prevail in us, just as they did in the first disciples. Many of you carry questions and concerns that weigh heavily on your hearts. Perhaps you are anxious about the future, feel pressured to succeed and appear perfect, or experience the stress of constantly comparing yourselves with others or with unattainable, manufactured ideals. Under the influence of carefully curated images on social media, you may find it difficult to recognize & accept who you truly are. Indeed, you are longing for genuine affection, since technology cannot replace authentic human closeness but can only imitate empathy. Some of you know what it means to experience loneliness, disappointment or the fear of not being good enough.

For these reasons, perhaps you too have felt like Jesus' disciples, crossing the lake at night in a small boat. The wind grows stronger, the waves rise, and the shore disappears into the darkness. It is in circumstances like these that we hear the Gospel's invitation to take courage. Jesus comes toward his disciples and says to them: "It is I; do not be afraid" (Jn 6:20). This is the assurance I wish to place in your hearts: even before you begin to seek Christ, he is already seeking you, walking across the troubled waters of life. Christian courage does not arise primarily from our own strength; it comes from his presence.

Christ himself certainly did not live a life free from storms, nor does he promise us one. Yet no darkness or suffering is stronger than his love. He will never abandon you. He invites you into friendship with him and asks you to entrust to him your own journey and that of your communities. Allow yourselves, then, to be encountered by Jesus Christ who is seeking you, and entrust to him the path you walk, both individually and together. In this way, you will feel a new and lasting courage growing in your hearts.

The victory over the world

The Lord Jesus, who came toward his disciples walking on the water, now says to us: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33). Receive these words as a promise addressed personally to each of you and to the brothers and sisters with whom you share your journey. More than an exhortation, these words are a gift. Christ does not say, "You will overcome the world." He says, "I have overcome the world." We know that, in this Gospel passage, the "world" does not mean the universe created and loved by God and destined for salvation, but rather the "world of darkness" (cf. Eph 6:12), which is that mysterious reality, present even in the human heart, that resists and opposes God. Jesus, & he alone, through his death & Resurrection, has overcome this darkness & reopened for humanity the path to God, to happiness, to justice, & to peace.

We can thus understand other dimensions of the courage to which Jesus calls you. This courage does not come from your own determination or strength of character. It comes from trusting in the One who goes before you; it is born of faith in Jesus Christ. When we reflect on how Christ conquered the world by loving it, we come to understand that Christian courage is not courage against something or someone, but courage forsomething: for life, for truth, for freedom, and for justice.

With the courage that Christ gives us, we can look with new eyes upon the world that God so loved (cf. Jn 3:16). We, too, have a part to play, however small, in helping transform a "world of darkness" into a "world redeemed." Christ does not call you to flee from this world, but to see it through his eyes and touch it with his love, which heals all things. Allow yourselves to be moved and touched by the reality around you! Jesus did not love the world from a distance. He entered fully into our human condition, humbling himself even to the point of death on a cross (cf. Phil 2:7-8). He experienced joy and friendship, but also hardship, rejection, loneliness and suffering, without ever closing his heart.

You, too, live in a world created good, yet wounded — a world full of possibilities, yet marked by injustice, tensions and fears. Many long for peace but encounter violence; many yearn for communion but experience loneliness. Amid these contradictions, Christians are called to follow Christ in his gentle courage: the courage to show love when harshness seems easier and more effective; the courage to seek peace when confrontation appears more advantageous; and the courage to hold fast to hope when cynicism seems more convincing.

The victory of self-giving love

When we hear the word "victory," some might think it means being stronger than others, asserting ourselves or constantly having to prove our worth. But those are the kinds of victories promoted by the prevailing mentality — the victories of a world without God. When we look to Jesus, we discover a different kind of victory. Saint Paul tells us that Christ, though he was in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a servant (cf. Phil 2:6-7). The Son of God humbles himself because his love is freely given: he has nothing to prove and nothing to secure for himself. In humbling himself, he does not lose his dignity; rather, he reveals the greatness and depth of his divine heart, capable of giving life to those who were dead. His victory is the victory of love that gives itself without counting the cost.

Dear young people, true victory does not lie in seeking to prevail over others, but in giving yourselves to them. By following the path opened by Jesus Christ, you too have no need to impose yourselves, to constantly prove your worth, to appear perfect or to conceal your weaknesses, doubts and limitations. Have the courage to be your true selves before God and others. Your dignity does not come from the image you manage to create for yourselves. You are precious because you have been created in the image of God, known by him and loved by him. We discover who we truly are when we recognize that our hearts were created for God: to love him and, in him, to love our brothers and sisters. Indeed, deep within us is the desire to give of ourselves, to devote our lives to the happiness and well-being of others. This is the freedom Christ offers you: the freedom to move beyond an exclusive concern for yourselves and to open your hearts to the generous creativity of love.

The courage of humility

Christ's self-emptying out of love for us does not end on the cross. The Father raises the Son from the dead and exalts him above all creation (cf. Phil 2:9-11). Notice that the Resurrection is not an act of self-exaltation; it is a gift of the Father and his Holy Spirit. Here we discover another dimension of courage: the courage to receive. We might call it the courage of humility. To be friends of Jesus means growing ever more like him in this respect as well.

A certain way of thinking tells us that we must do everything on our own, constantly working to improve ourselves and to develop a stronger personality and character. Yet this can ultimately lead us to believe that we are our own saviors. The Gospel shows us another path to growth: not saving ourselves, but allowing ourselves to be saved by Jesus Christ. This requires the courage to accept help from others, acknowledge our limitations, pause, listen and entrust our lives to God.

Parish Christmas Draw 2026

Tickets are available in the Parish Office and Parish Shop €2 each, 3 for €5
1st Prize Hamper value €300 **2nd Prize** Voucher €200 **3rd Prize** Voucher €100
Proceeds in aid of Church Renovation Funds

Nenagh Ormond Octaves

✡ Christmas Concert ✡

11 December | 8pm | Tickets on sale at the Parish Office

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...forgotten souls

O merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to Thee, who, either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through the length of time are forgotten by their friends and by all. Spare them, O Lord, and remember Thine own mercy, when others forget to appeal to it. Let not the souls which Thou hast created be parted from thee, their Creator. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***Amen.***

Feast Days for the Week Ahead

22st	Feast of Christ the King
23rd	St Columbanus
24th	St Andrew Dung-Lac
25th	St Catherine of Alexandria
	St Clement I
	St Colman of Cloyne
27th	St Vergilius of Salzburg
	St Fergal

November Envelopes

Envelopes are now available at the entrance of the church, once filled you can return the envelope by placing into the basket collection at weekend Masses or by putting through the letter box on the sacristy door on the right hand side of the altar during the weekdays. These lists of names will be included in Masses celebrated throughout November the Remembering Month.

Triduum Mass Intentions

Christmas Triduum Mass Intentions, an ideal way to link with our loved ones this Christmas is to send them a Parish Christmas card and include them in our Christmas Triduum of Masses. Cards are available in the Parish Office and shop at St Mary of the Rosary.

North Tipperary Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The North Tipperary Branch of the ASI holds an Activity Hub for those living with Dementia every Wednesday, between 10:30–12:30, in the Nenagh Éire Óg GAA Grounds. All are welcome!
Contact: Jennifer Woods, North Tipperary Home Care Co-ordinator.
Phone: 086-8096039 **Email**: jwoods@alzheimer.ie

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Celebration of Eucharist

Celebration of Eucharist at 8.30pm in Nenagh Pastoral Centre this Saturday 21 November for those who attended recent Catechesis in St. John the Baptist Church, Tyone and Word of God Celebration on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm in Nenagh Pastoral Centre.

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AHERN'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Switch on in Aid of the Hospice

Santa will pay a visit with treats for the kids and plenty of prizes to be won in our large raffle. Nenagh Brass Band will cheer us on!

27th November at 7PM, Ahern's, Yewston, Nenagh (behind Philly's pub)
EVERYBODY WELCOME!

Readers | *28-29 November 2026*

6.15pm	Liam Gleeson
7.30pm	Patricia Finn
8am	Paul O'Dwyer
10.30am	Patricia Fitzgerald
12noon	Conor DeLoughrey
6pm	Alice Darcy

Anniversaries | Sat 21 - Sun 29 November

St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 21st 6.15pm	Baby Odin Moran Foley & his great-grandmother Mary Foley Bernie Morris
Sun 22nd 12noon	William (Billy) Power (1st A) Ani Thomas Pazhempallil (1st A) Grace McFadden Paddy McNamara Tom Ryan Peter & Mary Shaughnessy Nancy & Michael Hogan & their son Brian
Sun 22nd 6pm	Matylda & Roman Genowefa & Kazimienz Daniela Wozniak Franciszek Swierczek Holina Niewiadomska
Mon 23rd 11am	John McCarthy
Weds 25th 8am	Martin & Margaret Kelly & deceased members of Kelly & Horrigan families
Weds 25th 11am	Mary Hassett Paudie & Joan Costello
Thurs 26th 11am	M.M. Paulose
Fri 27th 11am	Deceased members of Legion of Mary Brud & Aggie Fogarty & deceased family members Rudolf Sprinzl
Sat 28th 6.15pm	Betty O'Brien (nee Whelan) (MM) Paddy Ryan John & Anne Ryan Patsy Leo Edel & Frank Cunniffe
Sun 29th 8am	Liam McGrath
Sun 29th 12noon	Noreen Howe (nee Tanner) (MM) Cecil Gleeson (1st A) Mary O'Sullivan Tom & Joan Quigley & deceased members of the Quigley & Healy families Michael & Therese McGrath Rita Ryan
Sun 29th 6pm	John & Hannah Scully Richard Grace Gabrielle Nugent

St John the Baptist

Sat 21st 7.30pm	Denis & Margaret Sherlock Jerry & Rita Murphy
Sun 22nd 10.30am	Joanie Ryan
Sat 28th 7.30pm	Jim Griffin Margaret Ryan Brendan Martin & his brother Austin Martin
Sun 29th 10.30am	Kevin McLoughlin Alison Murphy Mary Kate & Patrick Sheil

Parish Office Notice Board

Weekly Collection €3,760 Thank you for continued support.
Office Opening Hours Mon-Fri | 9am-5pm (4pm Fridays)

Life Lessons

Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.