

Our Lady of the Rosary celebrates sixty years of parish life this week

IT boasts of having the ruins of one of the oldest churches in the country dating back to 1201 and the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary on the North side of the city will have another reasons to celebrate next week...60 years of parish life.

Back in 1950 under the direction of Monsignor Michael Moloney, who was then parish priest of St Munchins, the present Church of Our Lady of the Rosary was built.

Current PP, Fr Willie Walsh, explains that the timber structure was built for £13,500 and was supposed to be a temporary structure. Interestingly John Hunt, of Hunt Museum was very much involved in advising Monsignor Moloney at the time.

Following the death of Monsignor Moloney in 1964 Bishop Murphy divided St Munchin's parish. The new parish of Our Lady of the Rosary came into being at midnight December 31, 1964 with Canon W. O'Grady as the first parish priest.

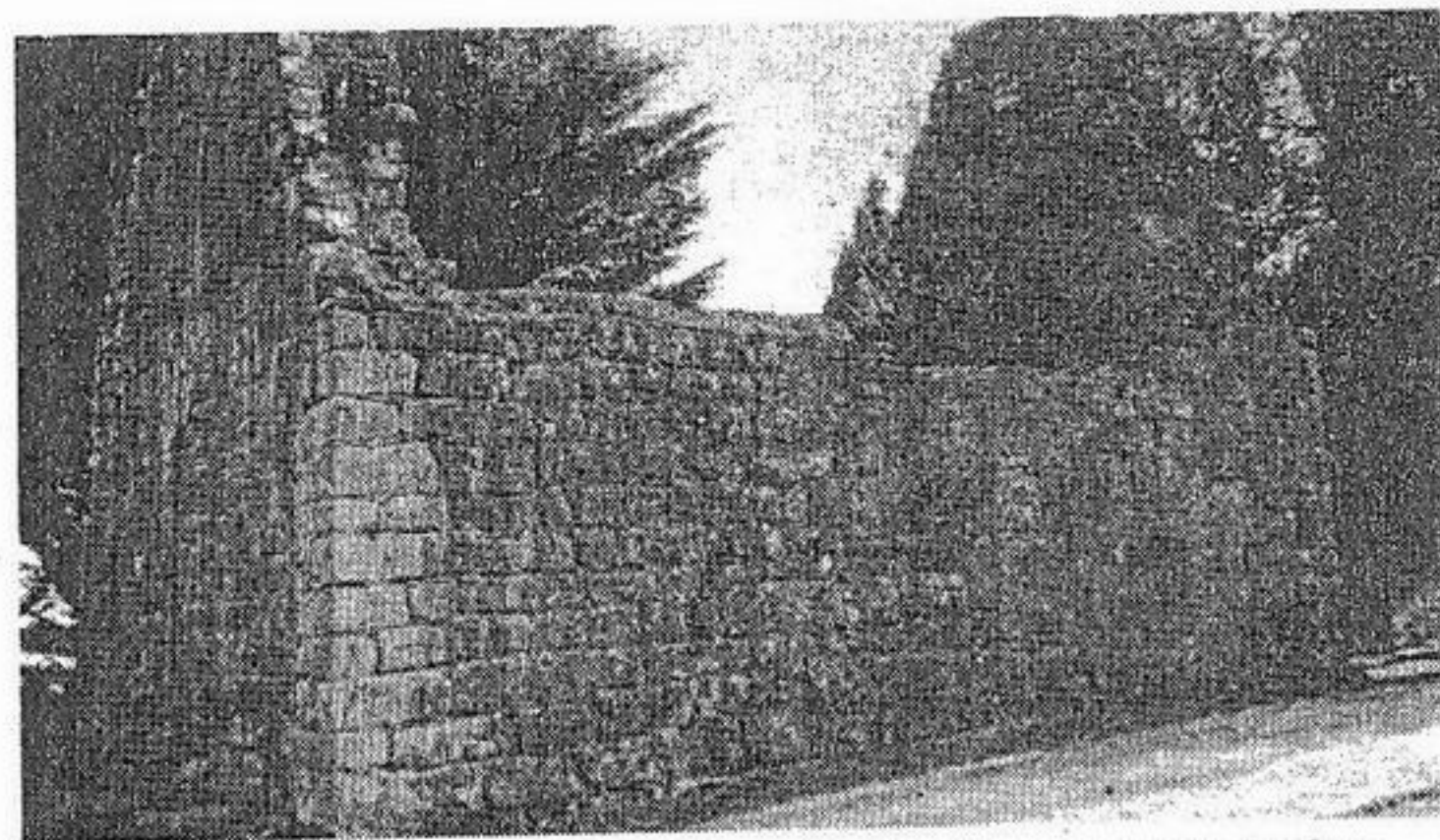
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish serves St Munchin's

Maternity Hospital with its 5,000 births each year and has three primary schools and three second level schools.

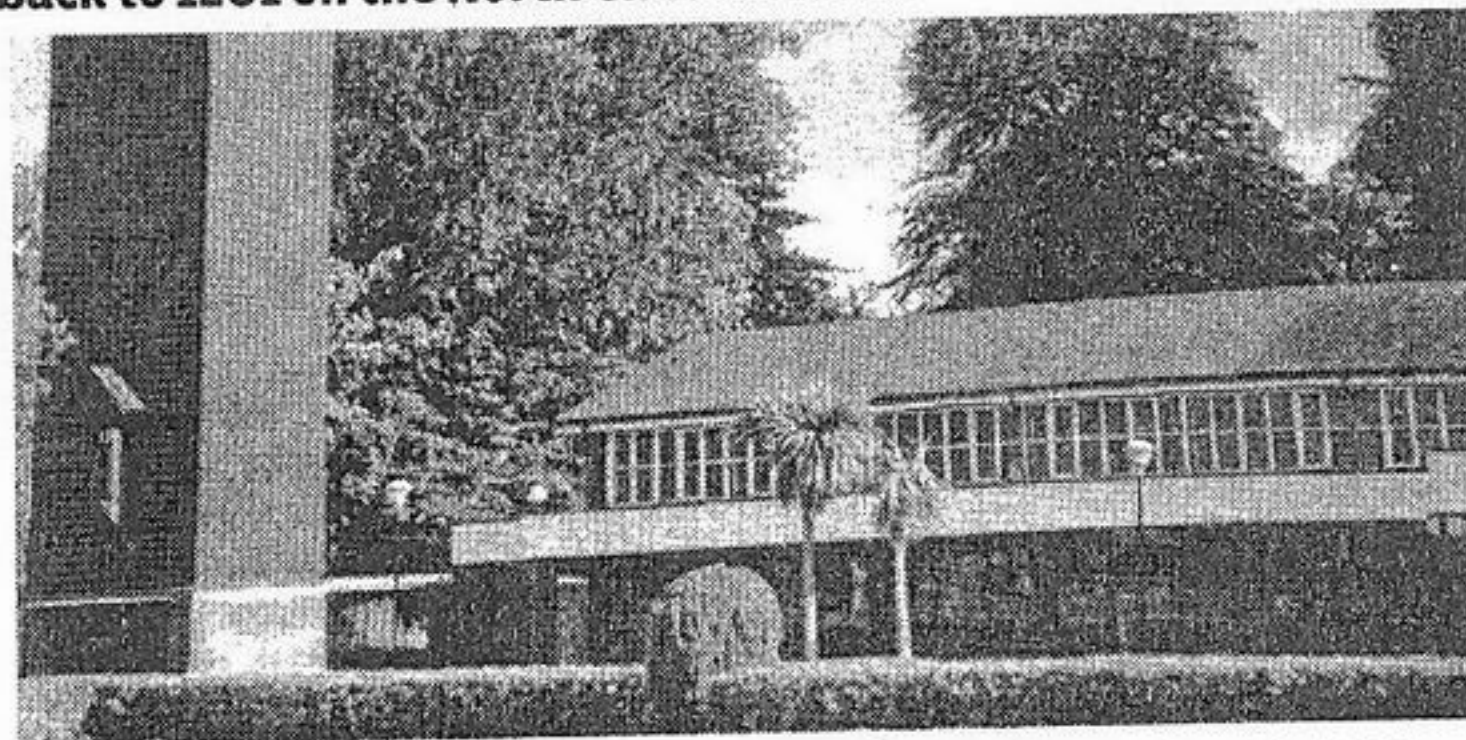
"Of course the links of our faith stretch back many years in our area - in the North Circular Road, opposite the Russell Park is the area popularly known as Old Church which is the ruin of Kilrush church which is mentioned in chronicles of 1201 and could date back to the 8th century or indeed ever the 6th. This link with our faith is celebrate nearby each year with the Dawn Mass each Easter Sunday," said Fr Walsh.

From Sunday September 19 to Saturday September 25 the parish will celebrate with a "Festival of Faith" and Fr Walsh will be getting assistance from three of the best know clerics in Limerick, Redemptorists, Fr Tadgh Herbert, Fr Tony Flannery and Fr Sean Duggan with evening mission sessions.

There will be a special event on Saturday September 19 with the Blessing of Babies while on Saturday 25 there will be a dedicated mass for the sick.



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Church of the Holy Rosary: celebrating 60 years of parish life

Daily masses will be held at 7 and 10am with no evening mass Monday to Friday while each evening there will be a mission session starting at

7.30. Topics include looking at 60 years of faith in the parish, family life, youth energy and creativity, looking to the future and a time for healing.