

**SUNDAY 10th MAY. 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.**

Matthew is writing for a community of mainly Jewish Christians: he therefore presents Jesus and his teachings clearly against the background of their Jewish tradition.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear Jesus preparing his disciples for his leaving them to return to the Father. This will enable them to enter into permanent communion with God. However, two of the disciples, Thomas and Philip, misunderstand his teaching, and this allows the evangelist to make it clearer. The only way to the Father is through Jesus. Jesus and the Father are so closely identified that to have seen Jesus is to have experienced the Father: the signs that Jesus worked have revealed the Father's glory to those who have been open to understanding them.

Jesus answers Thomas' objection about not knowing Jesus' destination – or perhaps destiny – so how can they know the way: he tells him that he is the Way; this is because he is the truth and the life – he is himself the ultimate Word, the saving revelation of God through whom believers will come to the Father and be one with God. ■



St Nicholas, Limerick
Thanks to the Nolan family for sending on the photo of their May altar in their home.

The opportunity to raise vital funds through the Darkness into Light walk will not happen this year, so Scouts, cubs and leaders in Scouting Ireland are Hiking for Hope on behalf of Pieta house from 8th to 10th May. Some Shannon Banks cubs and scouts are participating by Hiking the equivalent number of steps to climb Mount Everest to raise much needed funds for Pieta House. Donations can be made on the GOFUNDME page

www.gf.me/u/xyzn4b



The Praying Hands

*"The Praying Hands" is much more than just a work of art---
It is the soul's creation of a deeply thankful heart.
It is a priceless masterpiece that love alone could pain,
And it reveals the selflessness of an unheralded saint.
These hands so scarred and toilworn, tell the story of a man
Who sacrificed his talent in accordance with God's plan,
And in go's plan are many things man cannot understand,
But we must trust God's judgment and be guided by His hand.
Sometimes He asks us to give up our dreams of happiness---
Sometimes we must forego our hopes of fortune and success.
Not all of us can triumph or rise to heights of fame,
And many times what should be ours goes to another name,
But he who makes a sacrifice so another may succeed
Is indeed a true disciple of our blessed Saviour's creed,
For when we give ourselves away in sacrifice and love,
We are laying up rich treasures in God's kingdom up above,
And hidden in gnarled, toilworn hands is the truest art of living,
Achieved alone by those who've learned the victory of giving,
For any sacrifice on earth made in the Dear Lord's Name
Assures the giver of a place in heaven's hall of fame.
And who can say with certainty where the greatest talent lies
Or who will be the greatest in our heavenly Father's eyes?
And who can tell with certainty, in the heavenly Father's sight,
Who's entitled to the medals and who's the hero of the flight?*

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Praying For You



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St. Nicholas Parish News

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MASS TIMES.

In responding to the challenges of the Corona-virus all Masses in the Diocese have been cancelled until otherwise advised.

A number of Churches in the Diocese have web cameras and will broadcast Masses online so people at home can participate in the celebration of the Mass.

ONLINE MASSES:

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/news/masses-available-online-and-on-the-radio-in-the-diocese-of-limerick/>

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local GOOD NEWS stories or messages you want to share.

To be sent in to: Maura. 086 0429952, Grace. 086 8296193 or Email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com



HOW TO BEST EXPERIENCE CHURCH ONLINE

Make your faith a priority



1 BE FULLY PRESENT

You'll face a lot of digital distractions once Mass begins. Choose to stay committed & engaged. (Don't worry! Those notifications will still be there when Mass is finished.)



2 LIKE, SHARE & COMMENT

One of the great benefits of online Mass is we can have MORE interaction. So, ask questions and smash those reaction buttons. Share the Mass on your social threads and invite your friends to watch with you.



3 WORSHIP- DON'T JUST WATCH

Make this prayerful time- sing, pray & read God's word along with us. Most importantly listen for God's voice and respond in faith to what He says.



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those who are preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital.

Continue to pray for Maurice, Ailish R, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Kiera, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Amy, Anna, Gwyneth, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Séamas, Eamon, Declan and Eoin.

Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love.

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc. please contact: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Maura 086 0429952/ Grace 086 8296193

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

- For all news and updates from Limerick Diocese: www.limerickdiocese.org
- CoVID-19 support for Older people: ALONE phone line 0818 222 024, Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm.
- Community Call, For those wanting to help or needing help: Limerick City & County, 1800 852 389. email covidsupport@limerick.ie
- Garveys Supervalu, Corbally now take grocery orders for delivery, strictly for over 70's. Phone: 083 120 3890 (8am to 3pm) email supervalucorballydeliveries@gmail.com