



HOLY WEEK

Easter Ceremonies 2022

Holy Thursday – 14th April

St Munchin's College Chapel

9.45am Morning Prayer

St Nicholas Church

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(followed by Adoration until 9.00pm)

Good Friday – 15th April

St Munchin's College Chapel

9.45am Morning Prayer

St Nicholas Church

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.30pm Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday – 16th April

St Munchin's College Chapel

9.45am Morning Prayer

St Nicholas Church

8.00pm Solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – 17th April

Shannon Field (Irish Estates)

5.45am Dawn Mass

St Nicholas Church

10.30am Mass of the Resurrection

St Munchin's College Chapel

12 noon Mass of the Resurrection



The Chrism mass will take place this Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30pm in St John's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend or watch online.

St Nicholas' Pastoral Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise any items/issues at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

ROSARY AT THE GROTTOS

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.



MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

The combined church contribution for weekends ending 27th March and 3rd April was €2,117.00.

The total collected for the Ukraine appeal was €2,799.44.

Your continued generosity greatly appreciated.



In this scene of great tragedy, there are people helping others, either reluctantly or with compassion: Simon, the women of Jerusalem, the criminal on the cross, and Jesus himself. Note the differences in the manner in which the help given (as a burden, with sympathy, etc). What has been your experience of helping and being helped?

Towards the end there is a ray of light. Jesus says 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'. His relationship with his Father was one of trust, even at a moment like this. What difference has it made to you in times of difficulty or pain to have a relationship of trust with God, or with someone else?

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COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Team Limerick Cleanup 7 is happening on Good Friday.

All help, big and small will help make our environment a cleaner place.

Refreshments after Sunday 10.30 am Mass.

It is hoped that light refreshments after 10.30 am Mass in St Nicholas' Church on Sundays will be reintroduced shortly, beginning on Easter Sunday morning.

Of course this is subject to current public health guidelines but in the meantime we can all look forward to being able to get together for a friendly chat and 'cuppa' for a change.

A big 'Thank You' also to the volunteers who generously give their time to this much appreciated initiative!



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In relation to the Synodal process begun by Pope Francis, please note that the Limerick Diocesan website Synod section is now active. The website link is

www.limerickdiocese.org/synod-2021-2023/

The Synod section offers space for anyone who wants to submit feedback.

We welcomes all thoughts and opinions, all are valued.



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 10th April

Palm Sunday



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OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries. If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening times to the office, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

With Sympathy mass cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available from the Parish Office.

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASSES

9.45am Mon, Tues, Wed, *St Munchin's College Chapel*.
10am in *St Mary's* : Thurs and Friday.

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, *St Nicholas' church*
Sun 12 noon , *St Munchin's College Chapel*

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

Masses from *St Nicholas Church* can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website www.saintnicholasparish.ie or

<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

You can download the free app from the App store and click on St Nicholas church in the Limerick section.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

BAPTISM are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 4.30pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



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.

Please pray especially for Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT at the weekly church collections.

CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

You are invited to a Reconciliation Service with confessions on Monday, April 11th at 7pm in St Nicholas Church.

This will be a short service, where we invite Parishioners to make a very simple confession. We hope to make confession as easy and welcoming for those who haven't been there in a while.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

was celebrated by the children from Scoil Ide 6th Classes in St Nicholas' Church last weekend on Saturday April 2nd. We wish all those who received the Sacrament the very best and we hope families had an enjoyable day. Thanks to everyone who has worked with the children over the past 8 years for preparing the children for the Sacrament. Thanks to Bishop Brendan Leahy for attending the Confirmation Ceremonies and for taking the time to engage so meaningfully with the children on the day.

CLOTH OF REMEMBRANCE

The pieces of 4x4 cloth will be sewn together into a garment and hung on the cross on Good Friday.



The Dawn mass this year will take place at 5:45am on Easter Sunday morning, April 17th at the Shannon Fields entrance (Irish Estates).

All are invited afterwards to breakfast at Jo and Dan Stapleton's House. Refreshments will be provided inside and outside the house, depending on people's preference.