

NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



St Nicholas Parish

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 10.00am
Parish Live Streaming of Masses
from St Nicholas Church; log onto
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>
or via the parish website; www.saintnicholasparish.ie



St Mary's Parish

Mass times
Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am
Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am
Parish Live Streaming of Masses
from St Mary's Church; log onto
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December 2023

Clergy Contacts

Fr Richie Davern 0872977500

Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4th Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.

Contact the Parish Office for more information and a Baptism Enrolment form.

St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm
Email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com
Phone: 061-341300

St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm
Email: stmarysparishlk@outlook.com
Phone: 061-416300

You can contact the office if you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church. With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/
www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events

PARISH NEWS

Please send details for both parishes to saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the heading

Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon. Items received after this time unfortunately cannot be included

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may e found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



We offer our condolences to the family of

*Gwen Hennigar R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Fr Eamon Kearney Anniv

Sunday 10.00am

Pat Laffan 9th Anniv



We offer our condolences to the families of

*Teresa Kennedy R.I.P.
Dolores (Dolie) Benson R.I.P.
Eddie Doherty R.I.P.
John O'Carroll R.I.P.*

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Mary Tyrell 1st Anniv

Sunday 11.30am

Teresa Purtill M.M.

Billy Kent R.I.P.

Noreen Henn Anniv

Tommy & Sammy McCarthy 41st Anniv

Eileen & Paddy Kirby Anniv

Deirdre Martin (née O'Brien) 5th Anniv

Mary O'Donnell & Eily McElligott Birthday Remb

Prayer for the sick:

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

Prayer for when I can't receive communion



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish Pastoral Council meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council
St Nicholas Parish Pastoral council email:
PPCStNicholas@gmail.com
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email;
stmarysparishlk@outlook.com



Weekly Collection
 The total collection for weekend 3rd December amounted to
**€816 in St Nicholas Church &
 €20 Diocesan Needs
 €1566 in St Mary's Church**

We are very thankful for your continued generosity, and grateful for your loyalty and support.

St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

Will be taking a break for Christmas. Meditation will resume on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 10.45am in St Nicholas Prayer Chapel



Caoimhe de Barra, CEO Trócaire sent a letter of thanks to all the people who contributed to the recent Trócaire Gifts of Change event which raised €1100 in St Mary's Church. The money raised from the sale of gifts helps to fight poverty and fear and ensures the poorest and most vulnerable families and communities are supported to make their lives better.

Diocesan Needs Collection next weekend (3rd Sunday in the month). Money raised from this collection is forwarded to the Diocesan Office and used to fund central support services to parishes of our Diocese.

Sincere thanks to all who supported our **Christmas Giving Tree** and returned a gift for a child in need in our community. There are still tags on the Giving Tree if anyone would like to take part. We kindly ask that gifts be returned to the Parish Office this coming week, to allow for distribution before Christmas. Again, many thanks to all who took part.



Carol Service
in
St Nicholas Church on
Tuesday 12th Dec
at 7.00pm
Please come along and join in the singing

Grow - for anyone experiencing mental health issues through group peer support with recovery through community. Contact Celia 086 1526966/www.grow.ie

ST MARYS NS PRESENTS

Christmas
CONCERT

THURSDAY DEC 14
7PM - 9PM
TICKETS - €10

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
tickets@stmarysns.com
 St Mary's NS Bishop Street

We are delighted to announce the return of the hugely successful Christmas Concert to St Mary's Catholic Church on Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm. We will have amazing performances from Tracey Costelloe, Andrea O'Rourke-McMahon, our school choir and Irish Chamber Orchestra. Tickets €10 and can be purchased from St Mary's national School or you can pay at the door on the night.

Advent Reflection Evening

St. Nicholas' Parish Centre
Tuesday Dec 19th at 7.30pm



Theme: A Poem for Advent

Twelve Cribbs of Christmas

A booklet detailing the twelve cribs of Christmas is available at the main exit door of the Church. The booklet is produced for people who may wish to use Christmas to view some of the cribs in Limerick. Some open throughout the week but please check online for opening times. Each stop has a focal point and specific prayer.

Celtic Brothers

Christmas Concert in Abbeyfeale.

The very popular group Celtic Brothers, formally known as the Willoughby Brothers will give a Christmas Concert in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Abbeyfeale on Friday the 15th of December at 8.00pm. All funds raised at this concert will go towards St Ita's Hall, Renovation Fund. Tickets for the concert are on sale in Abbeyfeale and throughout West Limerick. Tickets can also be booked by calling 089 - 2646772.

Advent Eucharistic Healing and Reconciliation Service:

Thursday 14th December at Our Lady of Lourdes Church 7-8pm. Hosted by Pastoral Area 2: St Joseph's/St Saviour's/Our Lady of Lourdes.