

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 March 2024

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



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

Mass Intentions in St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Joe Phylan (M.M.)

Mary Cooney (1st Anniv)

Kitty & Ignatius Meaney (Anniv)

Sunday 10.00am

Gerry Byrnes (Anniv)

Kitty O'Donovan (Anniv)



*We offer our condolences to the families of
Ann Doherty R.I.P.
Bridget 'Bridie' Ashton R.I.P.
Mary Madden R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

Mass Intentions in St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Patrick 'Pa' O'Donnell (M.M.)

Marie Kirkland (18th Anniv)

Pat Cross (Anniv)

Patrick & Nora Rowan (71st & 30th Anniv)

Patricia O'Doherty (Birthday Remem.)

Anthony O'Donoghue (23rd Anniv)

John, Joe & Michael Sheehan (Anniv)

Evelyn & Thomas Hickey (Anniv)

Teresa & Sandy Slattery (Anniv)

Thomas & Mary O'Connell (Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

Sr. Julianna Murphy (Anniv), & deceased members of the Murphy, Cullen & Lavin families

Brigid McGrath (Anniv)

Cecil Johnson & her mother Kathleen (Anniv)

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.

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

Prayer for when I can't receive communion

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"

Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45 in St. Nicholas Prayer Chapel. Everybody is welcome. All you need do is *"turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"...*

Lenten Reflections

An opportunity to pause and reflect

Where? St. Nicholas Adoration Chapel

When? Tuesday 19th March

Time? 7.30pm

Scripture Reflection Group

Sr Betty Baker will hold a scriptures reflection session on each Thursday after the morning Mass in St Mary's Church. Each session will last about 30 minutes. If you would like to join us, come to the sacristy after Mass.



Weekly Collection

The total collection for weekend amounted to €995 in St Nicholas Church and €1630 in St Mary's Church (this figure includes donations to Shires)

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

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.

"Companions on the Journey"; Desert Day in preparation for Holy Week.

Silent Retreat with Eucharist & Reconciliation, Saturday 23rd March 2024; 10.30am to 5pm in Limerick Diocesan Centre.

Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Ann Mulcahy. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/Coffee/Snacks provided. Donation: €20.

Booking is essential, contact Phyllis at [087 963 6893](tel:0879636893) or email: moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com to register your place.

A Prayer for Mothers on Mothers Day

Lord Jesus, Today we thank You for the gift of mothers. We thank You for the tenderness they show us, for the comfort they afford us, for challenging us, for understanding us and sharing with us Your wonderful ways. We especially thank You for their loving actions and for the time they take to nurture us with Your guidance.

Bless them, today and always, with the knowledge of how important their responsibilities are. Continue to give them the compassion, wisdom and courage they show us daily.

We remember our mothers who are now in Your eternal care. May all our departed mothers rejoice with Mary, our Blessed Mother, enjoying their heavenly home. *Amen.*

Dawn Mass

It is St. Nicholas' Parish turn to host the Dawn Mass on Easter morning this year. Unfortunately, the families, who for many years, set everything up down in the Irish Estate are no longer able to do so. We thank them most sincerely for all the years they set up the altar and provided hospitality after.

We just want to put it out, would anyone be willing to take it on to make it possible to continue? Please get in touch. Fr. Richie 0872977500

Cotswolds June 23-28th

In my previous parishes I organised a parish trip each year to various places around Europe. Covid interrupted us, but we are going again this year, this time to the Cotswolds. It is for the above dates, Ex Shannon. There are 40 booked but we can possibly take another 10 people if anyone is interested in joining us. Please get in touch ASAP and I can give you the details. Regards, Fr. Richie 0872977500

BLOOM

Having looked at the possibility of an overnight stay in Dublin for BLOOM, the cost is prohibitive. The bus alone for the two days was €1800 and anyone taking a single room would be paying unrealistic money for just a one night break. I suggest that we try go by train for the day, as many have free passes, I will look into this and be back to you. Thanks, Fr. Richie.

The Limerick Dementia Social Club .

Held on the first Wednesday of every month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, the club aims to provide a dementia friendly space where people socialise, enjoy refreshments, share information and enjoy activities to support people to live well with dementia. There is no fee to attend. They run a fun interactive community choir in the same venue again for persons with dementia and their carers on the third and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 6.30pm to 8pm. Please contact Margaret on 087-9189833 if you have any queries.

St Nicholas Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 14th March 2024

