

St. Nicholas' Parish News

11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday



Fr. Richie Davern P.P. 087 297 7500
Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268
Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685
Salesian Sisters: 061 348510

Parish Website: www.saintnicholasparish.ie

Office Tel: 061-341300

Office email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

Newsletter email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

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

Facebook: @stnicholasparish



**Prayer for when you
can't
receive 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.**



PARISH 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.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com



Mass Times

WEEKDAY 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
St. Munchin's College Chapel

All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

WEEKEND St. Nicholas Church: Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am
St Munchin's College Chapel: 12 noon

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

In response to the question of John, Jesus let his actions speak for him. Some people show by the way they live what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Who has given you such an example? Perhaps there have been times when you have done the same for others.

John made a journey of faith from an incomplete knowledge of Jesus to a deeper understanding of who he was. Recall similar steps in your journey of faith.

Faith is not primarily about answering abstract theological questions but about living the gospel. What in your life has helped you to get that sense of perspective?

John marked the end of an era, Jesus the beginning of a new one. In our lives how do we honour the past and yet be free to move on into the future?

John Byrne osa
Email jpb Byrneosa@gmail.com

Meditation Group

Our parish meditation group has now finished for Christmas. Looking forward to welcoming everybody back after Christmas.

Limerick Lions Club wish to thank you for your generosity in supporting our annual Christmas appeal. The collection totalled €239.56, for which we are deeply grateful. Noel Sexton, President



A BIG THANK YOU to all who bought Trócaire Gifts of Love and to those who made donations to Trócaire at Masses last weekend. Your generosity will make such a difference to those most in need.

Gifts can still be bought in time for Christmas or donations made—
See www.trocaire.org/gifts T. [01 629 3333](tel:016293333)
E. info@trocaire.org



Parish Office Opening hours Monday and Thursday 9.30am—1.30pm for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house.

Phone: 061-341300



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

Remembering those who are Sick



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Amy, Agnes, Dymrna, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara, Bobby, Shane, Anna and Michael.

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.

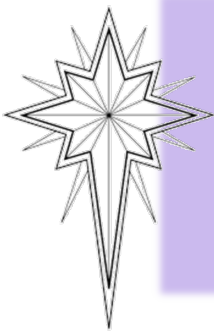
If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let Maura/Grace know by E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

Preparations for Christmas

Reconciliation night to take place on Monday 19th December 2022 at 7.00p.m.

Christmas mass times:

6.00p.m. in St Nicholas' Christmas Eve and 10.30a.m. Christmas Day
9.00p.m. in St Munchin's Christmas Eve and 12.00noon Christmas Day.



In aid of Parteen - Meelick GAA & Camogie Club

CHRISTMAS Coffee and Morning BAKE SALE

Sunday, December 18th
from 11 am

Browne's Pub, Parteen

Complimentary mulled wine & hot chocolate

Guest appearance from the 'Big Man'

"Ho, Ho, Ho"

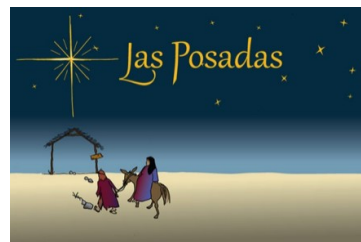


CAROL SERVICE Carol Service takes place in St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

Thank you to the parents of confirmation children from School Íde who volunteered their time to run the confirmation programme "you shall be my witnesses".

Over the past 4 weeks we had 98 children and 20 leaders who gathered each Monday night to take part in the programme.

It was great to see such enthusiasm each night from the children. We all definitely learned from each other. Thank you also to Betty and Patricia for your help and support. It really is very much appreciated.



As we enter the third week of Advent, we see our parish posadas visit homes in Mill Road, Westbury, Shannon Banks and Ardnacrusha.

As each family receives the figures of Mary and Joseph, may it be a symbol to all of taking the Lord Jesus into our hearts.

We pray for all who travel over the Christmas period, especially those who will travel home to visit friends and families at Christmas.



Our two Parish singers, Tracy and Andrea have brought out a beautiful collection of Christmas Favourites. It is priced at €10 and you can talk to either Tracy or Andrea at Masses in St. Nicholas and St. Mary's.