

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 10th & Sunday 11th February 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

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 Nancy Ruschitzko R.I.P.

May she rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Teresa Cantillon 12th Anniv

Sunday 10.00am

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We offer our condolences to the family of Alison Coffey-Sheehan R.I.P.

Larry (Laurence) Martin R.I.P.

Tony McInerney R.I.P.

Kathleen Gavin R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Anthony O'Donnell M.M.

Bridie Casey Anniv

Christopher O'Dwyer 7th Anniv

Paul Doran 11th Anniv

Sunday 11.30am

Pauline Purcell M.M.

Brendan Peters 4th 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.

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.

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



The total collection for weekend of 3rd & 4th February amounted to €745 in St Nicholas Church and €1411 in St Mary's Church

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL collection is held after Mass on the first weekend each month

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"...*

Meeting for Readers and Eucharistic ministers

Tuesday 20th February in St. Nicholas' church

Readers at 7.30pm - Eucharistic Ministers at 8pm.

If you are involved in both ministries, we kindly ask that you attend both meetings if possible.

Distribution of Ashes
at our 10am
Wednesday morning
Mass in
St Mary's Church



Trocaire boxes are available at the exits



Lenten Reflections

An opportunity to pause and reflect

Where? St. Nicholas Adoration Chapel

When? Mon Feb 19th, Mon 4th & Tues March 19th

Time? 7.30pm

All Welcome

Scripture Reflection Group

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

Speakers at Sunday Masses for LENT

We hope to have a number of guest speakers/preachers at our Sunday Masses during Lent this year.

On Sunday 18th February Ms Karen Casey, TROCAIRE, Head of Community Engagement and Outreach will speak at St. Nicholas and St. Mary's on the work of Trocaire.

On Sunday 25th February Dean Niall Sloane, our neighbour at St. Mary's Cathedral, will preach at our 11.30am Mass on the topic; "At a time when the Christian Churches are in freefall in Ireland; do we not still deserve to be a voice in the Market Place".

On Sunday March 3rd, Fr. Michael Long, a Kiltegan who ministered in Africa, an environmentalist, and now works at the Cabragh Wetlands Project, Holycross, Tipperary. Fr Michael will speak on the issue of the environment and Christianity

We look forward to welcoming our above speakers and we are pursuing a couple of other speakers on other subjects, but are awaiting confirmation of their availability.

Limerick Shortlisted for Eight All-Ireland Community and Council Awards

The awards, held in partnership with Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) and IPB Insurance, recognise and celebrate community and councils working together and reward unsung heroes making a contribution to people's lives. This year 31 local authorities across Ireland nominated over 200 projects in 24 categories. Congratulations to Mr. Anthony O'Donnell, St. Mary's Park who is shortlisted to the final 5 nationally in the Community Volunteer of the Year 2024 for his volunteer work at King's Island Community Centre.

We want to also acknowledge Anthony's contribution to St. Mary's church wherein he has organised a group of volunteers to do a thorough cleaning of the church a couple of times a year, We are truly grateful to Anthony and his group of trojan workers for this invaluable service. The All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2023 winners will be announced at a ceremony in Dublin on 17 February.

The very best of luck Anthony, but the fact that your work has been recognised to this level, already makes you a winner!



Milford Hospice 10k fundraising walk/run will take place this Sunday, 11th February, starting at 12noon. We wish all participants the best of luck.