



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

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6th Sunday Ordinary time



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OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

Monday and Thursday 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

Phone: 061 341300

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 9.45am
 St Munchin's College Chapel.

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 in the area to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, fundraisers, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/



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, Shane, Anna, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Liam, 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.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms 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.

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you could email them to: PPCStNicholas@gmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION: The collection last weekend came to € 885 . Many thanks for your loyalty and support to the parish.

Prayer for when I can't receive communion:



My Jesus, I Believe that you are present
 In the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love you above all things
 And desire to receive you in 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

"There are many things one can do, many works of charity, many great things for the Church - a Catholic University, a college, a hospital - you may even be rewarded as a benefactor of the Church with a monument, but if you do not pray, it will be dark and dimly lit. ...

It's curious: both salt and light are for others, not for oneself: salt does not give flavor to itself; light does not illuminate itself."

- Pope Francis



PARISH MEDITATION GROUP



"Be still and know...."

Our meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10,30 in St. Nicholas' church parish centre.

Everyone is welcome. All you have to do is turn up "close your eyes and get out of Gods way".

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, 29th August-8th Sept. 2023.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Scripture Scholar). In association with Premier Travel, Cork

Contact Mícheál at 086-8337681 or email info@carpediemtours.ie

(See also our website: www.carpediemtours.ie)

DEFIBRILLATOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering to train in the use of a defibrillator. Contact the parish office.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

We are also looking for volunteers to help with producing the newsletter. If you want to find out more, you can contact Grace at 0868296193.

CLEANING GROUP for St Nicholas Church needs volunteers weekly on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm to clean the church.

If you can help on any Monday, please just turn up.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. There will be Mass in the College Chapel at 9.45 am and at 7.00 pm in St. Nicholas Church.

LENTEN PROGRAM

On the 4 Mondays of March a Lenten Program will be offered by Sharon Collopy, a resident in Westbury who has recently completed a two year Pastoral Leadership Course in the diocese. The evenings will be offered in the Diocesan Centre, details later. We thank Sharon for her generous offer to do this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

First Holy Communion preparation evenings:
7pm St Nicholas Church

Mon 20th February, Mon 20th March, Mon 17th April

22 February Ash Wednesday

5 March : St Vincent de Paul collection, first weekend of every month

25 March: Scoil Ide Confirmation Day

The Knock Youth Leadership Programme.

This programme aims to train leaders to volunteer with in their parish to journey with children and young people as they explore and deepen their faith.

On completion of the programme (2 weekends and 11 Saturdays over an 18 month period) participants will receive two certificates:

A certificate in Youth Ministries (accredited by Queens university Belfast).

A certificate in Practical Youth Work/Ministry Skills (accredited by The Open University, Northern Ireland).

There is no fee for participants, all food and accommodation is provided and there is small fund available to subsidise transport costs

For more info contact Knock Youth Ministry on youth-ministry@knockshrine.ie or 094-9375321.

Spread love everywhere
you go: First of all in your
own house... let no one ever
come to you without
leaving better
and happier.
-Mother Teresa