



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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15th Sunday Ordinary Time

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NEWSLETTER**

Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc. Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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**Prayer for
when you can't
receive com-
munion**

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 sepa-
rated from You. Amen.

Every Sunday
Holy Mass Online

Sunday 10:30 am Facebook:

@saintnicholasparish

St Nicholas church is celebrating public masses again. The mass schedule for July is:

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday 10:30 am and 12

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:45am

For the time being we will only be using St Nicholas church, Westbury.

Because of social distancing guidelines, spaces are limited. We ask that you please follow the stewards and public health guidelines in place.

For a complete list of online Masses please see <https://www.limerickdiocese.org/news/masses-available-online-and-on-the-radio-in-the-diocese-of-limerick/>



Thank you so much to all who volunteered to be stewards last weekend for our first public Masses after the lockdown.

Thank you also to those who helped clean the church between the Masses.

If you would like to steward at the masses or to help with the cleaning of the church in between masses, please text Fr Derek on 0876261287.

Useful Contacts/Numbers

- ◆ COVID-19 Support Line for Older People—ALONE - 0818 222 024.
- ◆ Community Call—Limerick City and County Council Tel 1800 852 389 E-mail covidsupport@limerick.ie
- ◆ Garveys Supervalu, Corbally—for Over 70s— 083 120 3890 Email: supervalucorballydeliveries@gmail.com



Parish Office Opening hours

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 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 bookings will be taken from mid July. Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1.00pm. Contact the church office.



The Irish Hospice Foundation is offering a Bereavement Support Line for people who have been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19 and people who are finding it difficult to cope with a pre-Covid bereavement.

The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national free-phone service 1800 80 70 77 which is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. The line aims to provide comfort and emotional support.



Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about next Sunday's Gospel. We have our Saint of the Week, Video of the week as well as a picture to colour!

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/>

Children's Newsletter



I took several old watches, hooked them all together, and made a very unique belt. It turned out to be a waist of time.



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 Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Anna and Amy.

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

Thought For The Week

'Every one of us is permeated with the presence of God. Pope Francis does not have it any more than the truck driver or the nurse. Within our own hearts is this same God bursting to life in us.' ~Michael Morwood

God is closer to each of us than we can possibly ever imagine. If we look into our own hearts or into our own lives we will find God. It seems we are sometimes content to look for God elsewhere and end up disappointed.

Unfortunately some still see God as one who rewards and punishes. When things go wrong in life the explanation is that God must be testing or punishing them. Some refer to it as carrying a cross or that it must be God's will if some tragedy occurs. Such viewpoints are deeply ingrained in an old tradition that excludes love, compassion and kindness. I have even heard it being said that God has sent the covid 19 pandemic because God is angry with us.

What sort of a God gets a kick out of misfortune and in particular the misfortune of the current pandemic? It would make our belief in a loving God absurd and crazy. It would be like pushing water constantly uphill. A pointless exercise! Thankfully Jesus in our Gospels makes it quite clear that God does not punish. God is very much in the here and now and is on our side. God loves us no matter what's going on for us and God is not to be feared.

The psalm used for Sunday Mass at the weekend was psalm 144. In it the writer has a beautiful sense of the presence of God all around them. The writer gets across a sense of God who is close, personal, in the here and now and relevant in their life.

The following line stands out: "The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures." We often hear the words 'fake news' today. God's love and compassion for each of us, is far from fake. We are comforted and consoled by God's presence in our lives today.

I will finish with the beautiful line and the beautiful invitation that was used in our Gospel at the weekend: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest."

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