



## ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

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3rd Sunday Lent



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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](mailto: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](http://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 are still looking for volunteers to help with producing the newsletter. For more information, contact Grace

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, fund-raisers, share good news, etc. please send details to [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)



Grace. 086 8296193

**FACEBOOK** [www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)

### 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 God's way".



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 5pm 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](mailto: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](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Thank you for your generosity at last weekend's collection.

### 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



**Join us for a Lenten Bible Study** each Wednesday during Lent at St. Saviour's Parish. We will be journeying through the Gospel of Mark, watching and discussing a series on the Gospel of Mark by Dr. Tim Gray followed by a time of Q&A and prayer. Meeting in St. Saviour's Parish Hall (Enter through side doors on Dominick Street) from 7.30 - 8.30pm on March 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th. Please bring your Bible if you have one.'

## LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Dates: Thursday 22nd - Tuesday 27th June 2023

Cost €780

This includes:

- Return flights, 5 nights in Vatican/Astoria Hotel, Lourdes - full board, All coach transfers and trips per itinerary, Travel Insurance & Taxes.

To register your interest please contact Karen or James on 061-350000 or [Karen.kiely@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:Karen.kiely@limerickdiocese.org)

## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH CLEANING

Due to meetings in the church over the coming weeks our next gathering to clean will be Monday 27th March 7pm to 8pm. A huge thank you to all who have turned up over the past few weeks to clean the church. Your help is very much appreciated.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** We are currently looking for some volunteers to take over the running of the CHILDREN'S CHOIR who sing at the 10:30 mass on Sunday and practice one evening a week.



**CHURCH FLOWERS** We are also looking for a volunteer to take over organising the church flowers.

## Dates for your Diary:

St Vincent de Paul collection is after masses on the first week-end of every month.

**17 March:** Friday, St Patrick's Day. 9am Mass St Nicholas

**25 March:** Scoil Ide Confirmation Day, St Marys church

**7 April:** Good Friday

Team Limerick community cleanup

**8 April:** Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

**9 April:** Easter Sunday



## Fundraising for the World Youth Day



On Sunday 19th March our parish will be visited by a group of youth that are raising money for their trip to Portugal for the World Youth Day this summer in August. World Youth Day is held every two years and it is a

meeting with Pope Francis attended by a million of Catholic youth from around the world.

These young people belong to the Church reality of the Neo-catechumenal Way that is a faith formation itinerary lived in small Christian communities.

At the 10.30 am Mass in St. Nicholas' the the group will provide light refreshments in the parish hall and all are welcome. For a 5€ donation you can get a booklet "The Way I Clean" with eco-friendly household hints.

Or if you just want to make a small donation, every little helps, and will be appreciated. Let us support our Catholic youth for their trip to Lisbon.

## CROSS OF SUFFERING

This lent we are creating a cross of Suffering as a reminder that as a parish we stand beside and pray for each other in our struggles.

If you would like to have someone prayed for, please write their first name on the card provided beside the cross in St. Nicholas' church and place in the box. (Cards will also be available in St. Munchin's college chapel).

These cards will then be placed on the Cross of Suffering. They will be burned in the Easter fire.

## PASSOVER/ SEDER MEAL

Passover dinner this year will be held on **Tuesday 28th March**. Places however are very limited.

If you are interested in attending please send your name and phone number to [ppcstnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:ppcstnicholas@gmail.com) before the 17th March.

We will put all the names received into a hat. A draw for places will take place on 20th March.

We will notify the lucky contenders on the 20th March .



*Kind Regards,*

*St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council*