

## St. Nicholas' Parish News

Web Edition  
Sunday 14th June 2020  
Corpus Christi

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**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](mailto:Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

Every Sunday  
**Holy Mass Online**

Sunday 10:30 am Facebook:  
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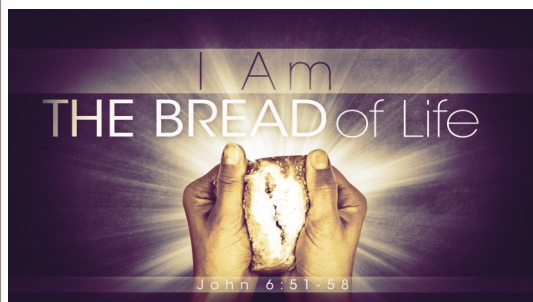


**1ST HOLY COMMUNION  
CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

Today we are having a special Mass here in St. Nicholas to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi and for all boys and girls from the parish especially from Scoil Ide and St. Mary's national school, who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. We invite you to have a candle to hand to help us celebrate.



## Corpus Christi



The **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** commemorates the Eucharist; traditionally it falls on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, although in some regions it is transferred to the following Sunday.

### Basic Facts

Liturgical Color(s): White

Type of Holiday: Solemnity; Holy Day of Obligation

Time of Year: The Thursday After Trinity Sunday; Translated to the Sunday After Trinity Sunday (in some Catholic dioceses)

Duration: One Day

Celebrates/Symbolizes: The Holy Eucharist

Alternate Names: Festum Corpus et Sanguinis Christi

Scriptural References: Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:19-20; John 6:51-58; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26



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.

### 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](mailto:covidsupport@limerick.ie)
- ◆ Garveys Supervalu, Corbally—for Over 70s— 083 120 3890 Email: [supervalucorballydeliveries@gmail.com](mailto:supervalucorballydeliveries@gmail.com)

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/>

**ALSO**

- [www.redemptoristslimerick.ie/webcam](http://www.redemptoristslimerick.ie/webcam)

- RTÉ will air Mass every weekday at 10.30am on RTÉ News Now.
- RTÉ News Now can be accessed on Saorview (channel 21), Sky (521), Virgin Media (200), Eir (517) as well as via the RTÉ Player, the RTÉ News Now app and via [RTÉ.ie/news](http://RTÉ.ie/news)



### 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](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



### PARISH OFFICE OPPEDED AGAIN

**Parish Office Opening hours.** Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm for church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house. Phone: 061-341300



### Virtual Pilgrimages from Knock Shrine

Pilgrimage Masses are streamed live each Sunday at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) and Facebook @knockshrine, commencing with Rosary at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm. Light a Candle, Place a Petition or remember a loved one with a Mass Card. See [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for more details of upcoming online pilgrimages and online services.

### Thought For The Week

*'God is not an abstraction. God is person - three in fact. God is more accessible to our minds and hearts by being seen as Father, Son and the Spirit of love between them. God is not a cold, unfeeling, unit of isolated magnificence. God is Spirit inspiring love in the hearts of all people of good will.'*  
~Tom Cahill

Last Sunday was Trinity Sunday and reminds us that much about God and life is mystery. Puzzles get solved but mysteries don't. But what does this really mean? Thomas Aquinas probably answers it best when he said that whenever we speak about God there is only one thing we can be sure of, that we're wrong! Any attempt to speak about God can never be too far wrong though, if we say that God is love.

The Trinity is about the relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have heard the saying that two is company but three is a crowd. So where does this leave the Trinity? Three is a number that occurs regularly in the Gospels: three wise men, Jesus tempted three times in the desert, Peter denied Jesus three times, Jesus fell three times on the road to Calvary, three days in the tomb and so on.

While we may not fully be able to explain the mystery of the Trinity it is good to acknowledge that much of life is a mystery. Life can be unpredictable, uncertain and at times cruel. In the midst of Covid-19 life is a big challenge right now. But we believe that God is somewhere in the middle, helping us to cope and adapt. Somewhere in the middle of it all are three forces working together as one and hopefully making a difference to all our lives.

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**THANK YOU** to those who have returned their Trócaire Lenten donations. If you haven't as yet, boxes can be returned to the parish office (opening times above or to St. Marys office, Monday, Wednesday or Friday). Alternatively donations can be made online, by telephone or by post. Thank you for kindness which is very much appreciated.

Each of us is a house with four rooms -

... a physical, a mental, an emotional, and a spiritual room.

We tend to live in one room most of the time; but, unless we go into every room every day, even if only to keep it aired, we are not a complete person.

Indian proverb