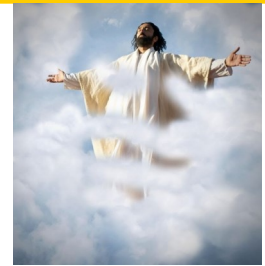




# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 16th May 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Welcome  
Back  
We Missed You



## Important Notice on the Resumption of Public Masses

Numbers at each Mass will be *limited* so it is advised that you come early to ensure a place.

**DAILY MASSES** (Monday to Friday) morning Mass will be at 9:45am in St Nicholas Church.

**WEEKEND MASSES** (all in St Nicholas Church)  
Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am and 12noon

The above Mass schedule will apply from May 10th to the end of June and will be reviewed for July and August.

**Sanitising and face coverings/masks are mandatory for attendance at public Masses.**

**BAPTISMS** resume on Saturday May 15th. Families intending to baptise your child are to contact the Parish Office (061341300) to book your ceremony.

More information of the governments decision on the resumption of public worship (including funeral and wedding ceremonies) can be accessed on [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie)

We continue to celebrate masses daily on our Parish webcam from St Nicholas church.

To view, click [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

Join us for the Rosary online each evening at 7pm in St Nicholas church, from Monday to Friday for the month of May. [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)



### 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.



### 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)



**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



### 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 John, Brian, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle and Aoife.

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

## The Deep End — The Ascension of the Lord 16 May 2021—World Communications Day

Go out to the whole world

Today marks the 55th World Communications Day, and the theme for this year is 'Come and See: Communicating by encountering people where and as they are'. In his message to mark the occasion, Pope Francis emphasises the importance of meeting people where they are, just as Jesus did with those he encountered: 'We need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us.' All communication, he says, should strive to be clear and honest, whether in the media, on the internet, in the Church's preaching, or in social interaction.

He has a particular message for all who use social media: 'Thanks to the internet we have the opportunity to report what we see, what is taking place before our eyes, and to share it with others. At the same time, the risk of misinformation being spread on social media has become evident to everyone... All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it. All of us are to be witnesses of the truth: to go, to see and to share.'

It is fitting that this day coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. Before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final instruction: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.' Our challenge is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.



'Teach us to go out and see,  
teach us to listen,  
not to entertain prejudices  
or draw hasty  
conclusions.'

Pope Francis' message  
for the 55th World Communications Day

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## Our May Altars

Wouldn't it be nice if we all had a May altar in our houses. Many of us have never had one before. So will you accept the challenge to create a home-made May altar with what you already have in the house. You can continue to send us a photo or post it on Facebook. Please tag the parish in your post.

It might simply be a statue or picture of Our Lady with a candle or flowers, which sits in our hallways or living rooms or indeed why not place it in the window of your home for neighbours and passers-by to see.

May is the month of Mary and Pope Francis has asked us to pray to Mary every day during the month of May, to pray for healing and an end to the coronavirus.



Mike and Maura  
Ryan and Family

