

## THE DEEP END: COME AND SEE



There is a Brazilian proverb used when a visitor is leaving one's home: 'Whoever drinks of this water keeps coming back'. Offering a beverage such as a cup of water or tea to a visitor is a universal gesture of welcome and hospitality. Today we hear how Jesus invites two of his disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day, undoubtedly eating and drinking and conversing with him. Jesus' invitation is simple, yet intimate. We don't know where he lived or what his living arrangements were, but we know he wanted his friends to spend time with him and get to know him. This precious early time with Jesus must have set his friends up for a lifetime of discipleship. We too are invited to 'come and see', to spend time with the Scriptures and in prayer to get to know Jesus. He welcomes us with open arms.

As we reflect on the inviting love of Jesus, we are also encouraged to extend a warm welcome to others in a spirit of friendship. Pope Francis has often spoken of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and church, to welcome everyone - including those who are homeless or who have been forced to leave their home or country. Our welcome is a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

*'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.'* Pope Francis

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### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Covid support lines for older people:

**ALONE** 0818 222024

**SENIORLINE** 1800 804591

**Community call, Limerick City and County :**

Phone: 1800 852 389 or

email: [covidsupport@limerick.ie](mailto:covidsupport@limerick.ie)

**GARVEY'S SUPERVALU** click & collect

Register at [www.supervalu.ie](http://www.supervalu.ie) , select Super-  
valu Corbally, choose click & collect, add  
items and pay.

Phone 083 120 3890 on collection for your  
order to be brought to your car

Volunteer stewards are needed for helping at week-  
end masses when they resume.

If you can help, please contact  
Fr.Derek

or Maura 0879576148



### Everything Is Going To Be All Right

How should I not be glad to contemplate  
the clouds clearing beyond the dormer window  
and a high tide reflected on the ceiling?  
There will be dying, there will be dying,  
but there is no need to go into that.  
The lines flow from the hand unbidden  
and the hidden source is the watchful heart.  
The sun rises in spite of everything  
and the far cities are beautiful and bright.  
I lie here in a riot of sunlight  
watching the day break and the clouds flying.  
Everything is going to be all right.

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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 John, Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, Lilia, Muirinn, Orla..

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, please contact the newsletter by email or phone.



# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

## Sunday 17th January 2021, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time



Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



All public masses are online from St Nicholas Church.

St Nicholas Church is open daily from 9am to 3pm for private prayers.

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**WEEKDAY** 9.45am Monday to Friday

**WEEKEND** Sat. 6pm, Sun. 10.30am, 12 noon

**TOILET FACILITIES** Please note that toilet facilities cannot be provided in St Nicholas' Church in order to adhere to strict Covid19 guidelines.



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 encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

*Newsletter* [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)



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Grace. 086 8296193

The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page.

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



**PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES:** Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.  
**Phone:** 061 341300  
**email:** [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)



Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

**Dear Healthcare workers,**  
YOU CAN'T FILL FROM AN EMPTY CUP

breathe  
reflect  
refresh

Join Fr Chris O'Donnell and the Pastoral Team online on January 28th at either 3pm or 8pm for a short time of quiet reflection, nourishment, and peace. Those of all faiths and none are welcome to attend.

PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS LINK...  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/healthcare\\_breather](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/healthcare_breather)

diocese of limerick  
our catholic community

**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 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.**

**SPIRITUAL ACT OF COMMUNION**

