

# NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



## St Nicholas Parish

Mass Times  
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 10.00am  
**Parish Live Streaming of Masses**  
from St Nicholas Church; log onto  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>  
or via the parish website; [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie)



## St Mary's Parish

Mass Times  
Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am  
Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am  
**Parish Live Streaming of Masses**  
from St Mary's Church; log onto  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Clergy Contacts

Fr Richie Davern 0872977500

Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.

Contact the Parish Office for more information and a Baptism Enrolment form.

### St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm  
Email: [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)  
Phone: 061-341300

### St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm  
Email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)  
Phone: 061-416300

You can contact the office if you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church. With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office

### PARISH FACEBOOK:

[www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)  
[www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick](http://www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick)

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events

**PARISH NEWS**

Please send details for both parishes to [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com) with NEWSLETTER in the heading

**Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon. Items received after this time unfortunately cannot be included**

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may e found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



We offer our condolences to the family of  
Gwen Hennigar R.I.P.  
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Maura & Frank O'Mahony Anniv

Sunday 10.00am

Eamonn Mulcahy Anniv



We offer our condolences to the families of  
Tom Scanlan R.I.P.  
Teresa Kennedy R.I.P.  
Dolores (Dolie) Benson R.I.P.  
Eddie Doherty R.I.P.  
John O'Carroll R.I.P.  
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

### Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Francis Mulqueen M.M.

Noel & Pauline McDermot Anniv

Michael Finnan 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

Marie Hanon 15<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Special Intention

Sunday 11.30am

Jean Kerley R.I.P.

Marie Flynn 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Ernst Schaf 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

Margaret Meehan Birthday Rememb

Sean Meehan Anniv

Mary Earls 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv

Deirdre Martin née O'Brien 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Gerry Moore 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

Sheila Shanahan 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Anthony Pious Bedford Anniv

### Prayer for the sick:

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those who are preparing for and awaiting results of tests and those in hospital. 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.

### Prayer for when I can't receive communion



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You: never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council  
St Nicholas Parish Pastoral council email: [PPCStNicholas@gmail.com](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)  
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email; [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)



**Weekly Collection**  
The total collection for weekend 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December amounted to €645 in St Nicholas Church and €1424 in St Mary's Church  
€183 on December 8<sup>th</sup> in St Mary's Church

We are very thankful for your continued generosity, and grateful for your loyalty and support.

**Diocesan Needs Collection** this weekend (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month). Money raised from this collection is forwarded to the Diocesan Office and used to fund central support services to parishes of our Diocese.

**St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group**  
Will be taking a break for Christmas. Meditation will resume on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 10.45am in St Nicholas Prayer Chapel

## Advent Reflection Evening

St. Nicholas' Parish Centre  
Tuesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm



Theme: A Poem for Advent



**St Nicholas Church Christmas Masses**  
*Morning Mass as usual at 10.00am  
on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December*

Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
Christmas Day - Morning Mass 10.00am  
**Confession - After Mass this weekend (16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>)**

**St Mary's Church Christmas Masses**  
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The **ADVENT WREATH** is a circle of evergreens, a symbol of God's eternal love for us. Fastened to the wreath are five candles standing upright, at equal distances. These candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, symbolising the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. A rose or pink candle is lit for the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The fifth, a white candle, placed in the middle of the wreath, represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve.

*Leave no one behind this Christmas...*



## Redemptorists Christmas HAMPER APPEAL

**SEND YOUR DONATIONS TO**

**REDEMPTORISTS  
PERPETUAL HELP FUND  
MOUNT SAINT  
ALPHONSUS  
SOUTH CIRCULAR RD.  
LIMERICK**

Please make cheques payable to  
**Redemptorists Perpetual Help Fund**  
or Donate online at  
[www.Redshampers.ie](http://www.Redshampers.ie)



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**Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back in its full capacity for 2024, bringing a full team of workers and assisted pilgrims. If you know someone (family member, neighbour, friend etc) who would like to travel as part of our assisted pilgrim section please let them know. Christmas may even be an opportunity for people to give a gift of a trip to Lourdes to a family member. Further information available from Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

**Twelve Cribbs of Christmas**  
A booklet detailing the twelve cribbs of Christmas is available at the main exit door of the Church. The booklet is produced for people who may wish to use Christmas to view some of the cribbs in Limerick. Some open throughout the week but please check online for opening times. Each stop has a focal point and specific prayer.