

# 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> March 2024

### Clergy Contacts

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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

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

#### Saturday 6.30pm

Rachel Dickinson (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

Lillian Dowling (43<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

#### Sunday 10.00am

Mary Ryan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)



We offer our condolences to the families of  
Ann Doherty R.I.P.  
Bridget 'Bridie' Ashton R.I.P.  
Mary Madden R.I.P.  
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

### Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

#### Saturday 5.00pm

Martin O'Farrell (28<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Jackie O'Donoghue (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

Dermot Wallace (17<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Leo O'Dwyer (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

James Hayes (Anniv)

Ita Liston (64<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

#### Sunday 11.30am

John Cregan (M.M.)

Michael, Sheila & Eugene Shanahan (Remem.)

Eileen Sheehan née Shanahan (Remem)

### 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 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 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)

### St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

*"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"*

Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45 in St. Nicholas Prayer Chapel. Everybody is welcome. All you need do is *"turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"...*



The total collection for weekend 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March amounted to €755 in St Nicholas Church and €1251 in St Mary's Church (this amount includes donations to shrines)

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

**Diocesan Needs Collection** this weekend (3rd 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.

### Lenten Reflections

*An opportunity to pause and reflect*

Where? St. Nicholas Adoration Chapel

When? Tuesday 19th March

Time? 7.30pm

### Scripture Reflection Group

Sr Betty Baker will hold a scriptures reflection session on each Thursday after the morning Mass in St Mary's Church. Each session will last about 30minutes. If you would like to join us, come to the sacristy after Mass.

### We wish you all a very happy St Patrick's Day

#### ST. PATRICK'S Breastplate



CHRIST ever with me,  
CHRIST before me,  
CHRIST behind me  
CHRIST within me,  
CHRIST beneath me,  
CHRIST above me  
CHRIST to my right side,  
CHRIST to my left side  
CHRIST in his breadth,  
CHRIST in his length,  
CHRIST in depth  
CHRIST in the heart of every man  
who thinks of me  
CHRIST in the mouth of every man  
who speaks to me  
CHRIST in every eye that sees me  
CHRIST in every ear that hears me.

### "The Cross in the 21st Century"- dead metaphor, or a sign of hope?

Join Mossy Hynan for two evenings of reflection, in preparation for Holy Week, Thursday 21st March, 7:30pm to 9pm, Limerick Diocesan Centre. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Crossin21stCentury>

### Cross of Suffering Holy Week 2024



We all carry crosses of one kind or another. If you know someone who is suffering in any way - physically, mentally, emotionally, we invite you to write their initials on a tag (see box at base of cross) and place it in the closed box. These will be placed on the cross and the people prayed for during Holy Week, uniting their sufferings to that of Jesus as we reflect on his carrying of the Cross to Calvary. The tags will be burnt in the Easter fire.

### "Companions on the Journey";

#### Desert Day in preparation for Holy Week.

Silent Retreat with Eucharist & Reconciliation, Saturday 23rd March 2024; 10.30am to 5pm in Limerick Diocesan Centre. Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Ann Mulcahy. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/Coffee/Snacks provided. Donation: €20. Booking is essential, contact Phyllis at [087 963 6893](tel:0879636893) or email: [moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com](mailto:moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com) to register your place.

### Chrism Mass 2024 - St. John's Cathedral

Bishop Brendan Leahy invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick. This is an important Diocesan celebration and all are cordially invited to attend. During the Mass, Bishop Brendan will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry.

### Cotswolds June 23-28th

In my previous parishes I organised a parish trip each year to various places around Europe. Covid interrupted us, but we are going again this year, this time to the Cotswolds. It is for the above dates, Ex Shannon. There are 40 booked but we can possibly take another 10 people if anyone is interested in joining us. Please get in touch ASAP and I can give you the details. Regards, Fr. Richie 0872977500

#### BLOOM

Having looked at the possibility of an overnight stay in Dublin for BLOOM, the cost is prohibitive. The bus alone for the two days was €1800 and anyone taking a single room would be paying unrealistic money for just a one-night break. I suggest that we try go by train for the day, as many have free passes, I will look into this and be back to you. Thanks, Fr. Richie