

*St Nicholas Parish
Newsletter
Sunday 17th September 2023*

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**Mass
Schedule**

St Nicholas Church
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
(Tracey Costello singing)
Sunday 10.00am
(St. Munchin's College Chapel Choir)

St Mary's Church
Saturday Vigil 5.00p.m.
(Folk Choir)
Sunday 11.30am
(St. Mary's Choir and Organist)

Parish Live Streaming of Masses

Masses from St Nicholas Church can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website www.saintnicholasparish.ie or at <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



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 2nd & 4th Saturday in the month.

Baptism are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.
Contact the Parish Office for an enrolment form.

St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm
Email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com
Phone: 061-341300
If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church, the parish office is located in St Nicholas Church (access through the Prayer Chapel).
With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office.



PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events
Please send details to saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the heading



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" ...

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.

St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you can email them to: PPCStNicholas@gmail.com



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

The total contribution for the week ending 3rd September amounted to €808.25.
10th September amounted to €545.00
Trocaire contribution amounted to €23.75.
Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish. Your donation is very much appreciated.



*We offer our condolences to the family of Michael Ahern R.I.P.
May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace*

Mass Intentions this weekend

Saturday 6.30	John Moran 1st Anniv
Sunday 10.00	Pro Populo



An Autumn Dues Envelope has been distributed to houses throughout the parish. Envelopes are also available at the exit doors.

The Dues collection goes toward your priests salaries. We are aware that finances are stretched for many and we sincerely thank all who can contribute. Your kindness is very much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation to the Dues Account electronically, bank details as follows:

Account: St Nicholas Curate A/C
IBAN: IE65 BOFI 9045 7978 861820
BIC: BOFIE2D

The Diocesan Needs Collection (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. Thank you to all who support this collection.

Weekly Envelope for St Nicholas

With our new Mass schedule, some people may attend Mass in St. Mary's church and put their St Nicholas church Weekly Envelope in the basket there, IT WILL be returned to St. Nicholas and vice versa. The new boxes of Weekly Envelopes have been distributed, though there are a few boxes for collection from St Nicholas Sacristy. The new boxes will run to the end of December 2024, so that we can align with the Jan to Dec Financial Year. Thank you again for your support. *If you would like to contribute to the parish using the envelope system, please call the Parish Office or leave you contact details in the Sacristy.*



Friday 22nd September 2023

The Arts Council, in partnership with local authorities and cultural organisations throughout Ireland, open their doors **later and free of charge**. On Culture Night, arts and cultural organisations and venues in Limerick open their doors to allow and to promote increased access to the public. Special and unique events have been programmed at participating locations in Limerick for adults and children. For more information, and to view the variety of events, log onto <https://culturenight.ie/events>

Diocesan Assembly: Sat. 23rd Sept., 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Rathkeale House Hotel. Launch of Diocesan Report; Review of Team Ministry; Characteristics of Synodality; Sharing of practical experiences from parishes.

Season of Creation 1st September - 4th October
 The Christian family throughout the world unites in a celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Since our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth, we are called to a shared common call to care for creation. The theme for this year is "Let justice and peace flow" (Amos 5:24). This theme invites each one of us to join the river of justice and peace by living in peace, in harmony with each other and building right relationships with all of creation.

Prayer: God of hope and healing, may your rivers of righteousness wash away our apathy, our greed and selfishness and reveal the deep relationships You created for us with all creation. Nourish us with the waters of life that restores, turning deserts of despair into oasis of hope. May the waves of Your embrace transform us back into guardians of Your creation. May the currents of Your justice carry us to your peace where all creation may enjoy life in abundance. Amen.

Practice:

- Appreciate the gift of water
- Avoid water waste
- Collect rain water
- Take part in the attached events

'LIVING A HAPPY AND CONTENTED LIFE' WORKSHOP

Getting the conversation going on positive mental health and wellbeing with GROW & Jigsaw...

A workshop for parents, community leaders, people in ministry, and others to start the conversation on the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing in the family, the parish, and the wider community.

Details of resources and supports available to families, parishes and community groups will be shared.

Tues 10th October, 7:30-9pm in Limerick Diocesan Centre

Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AutumnProgramme>