

# 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>

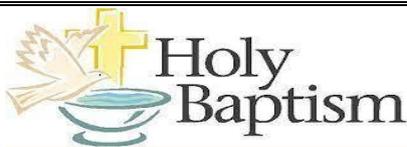
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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



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 Joseph Phylan R.I.P.  
 May he rest in eternal peace, Amen*

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

#### Saturday 6.30pm

Barbara Begg 30<sup>th</sup> Anniv

#### Sunday 10.00am

Kathleen & Michael Brazil Anniv



*We offer our condolences to the family of Mary Madden R.I.P.  
 Patrick 'Pa' O'Donnell R.I.P.  
 John 'Johnny' Cregan R.I.P.  
 Alison Coffey-Sheehan R.I.P.  
 Larry 'Laurence' Martin R.I.P.  
 Tony McInerney R.I.P.  
 Kathleen Gavin R.I.P.  
 May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

### Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

#### Saturday 5.00pm

Michael McNamara 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 Peter & Bridie McNamara 55<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 Gary Healy-Coote 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
 Eugene Forde 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv  
 Gretta Quinn Anniv  
 Josephine McNamara Anniv

#### Sunday 11.30am

Nancy Sargent Anniv  
 Joe Sheehan 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
 Noreen Morton 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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)



The total collection for weekend 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February amounted to €765 in St Nicholas Church €10 Diocesan Needs and €1559 in St Mary's Church (this figure includes Diocesan Needs)

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

### 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"...

### Meeting for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February in St. Nicholas' church  
Readers at 7.30pm - Eucharistic Ministers at 8pm.  
If you are involved in both ministries, we kindly ask that you attend both meetings if possible.

### Lenten Reflections

*An opportunity to pause and reflect*

Where? St. Nicholas Adoration Chapel

When? Mon Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, Mon 4<sup>th</sup> & Tues March 19<sup>th</sup>

Time? 7.30pm

All Welcome

### 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.

### PRAYER FOR LENT

Father in heaven, throughout Lent,  
Let your Spirit guide us in your commandments.  
Let your Spirit open our voices to proclaim your love.  
Let your Spirit fill us with new energy and life.  
Let your Spirit come to us in mercy and forgiveness.  
Amen.



**Trócaire** is the development agency of the Irish Catholic Church. We kindly ask that you take a box and maybe put it in a prominent spot in your home/workplace. You might consider this your charity of choice during Lent.

### Speakers at Sunday Masses for LENT

We hope to have a number of guest speakers/preachers at our Sunday Masses during Lent this year.

**On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February** Ms Karen Casey, TROCAIRE, Head of Community Engagement and Outreach will speak at St. Nicholas and St. Mary's on the work of Trócaire.

**On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** Dean Niall Sloane, our neighbour at St. Mary's Cathedral, will preach at our 11.30am Mass on the topic; "At a time when the Christian Churches are in freefall in Ireland; do we not still deserve to be a voice in the Market Place".

**On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** Fr. Michael Long, a Kiltegan who ministered in Africa, an environmentalist, and now works at the Cabragh Wetlands Project, Holycross, Tipperary. Fr Michael will speak on the issue of the environment and Christianity

We look forward to welcoming our above speakers and we are pursuing a couple of other speakers on other subjects, but are awaiting confirmation of their availability.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February students in Scoil Íde School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Mary's Church at 11am.

During the last few months, the students have been preparing at home, in school and in their parish to receive this special Sacrament and learning about the importance of this Sacrament. They have also had a retreat and confession during the last week.

We remember all the students, their families and the teachers in our prayers.



On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at the 10am mass we will remember the anniversary of the **Reparation Nuns** founder. There will be teas & coffees in the hall afterwards.

**Bereavement Support Information Evening** will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department on Tue 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free

**Grow Mental Health-** Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Based in 33 Henry Street, several meetings including new meeting on Monday 11-1pm. Contact Celia 0861526966/[www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)