

ON THE LOOKOUT

The Bethlehem innkeeper at Christmas was probably the unluckiest man in history. He had the chance to shelter the Holy Family and he missed it. Worst of all it wasn't really his fault because after all the place was full. And yet in a million nativity plays he's blamed so much, though perhaps not so much blamed as pitied because the person who misses an opportunity is really to be pitied.

It could happen that someone will come to us today. Yes, perhaps Christ will come to us in the guise of a family member, friend or neighbour needing a word of encouragement, or understanding. The innkeeper didn't know that Christ might be passing. We don't either, any day of our lives. So watch and pray, be on the look-out for Christ passing ... today.

Ronan Drury 'Pass It On'

A Christmas message from St Nicholas Pastoral Council

Everyone looks forward to Christmas and the joy of sharing happy times with family and friends, though sadly, Covid19 continues to restrict our options somewhat.

Even so, thankfully, things are getting better and we dare to anticipate the New Year with renewed optimism and faith in the child of Bethlehem.

With that in mind, St Nicholas' Parish Pastoral Council wishes each and everyone in our community of faith all the blessings of the Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus.

May the love that shone around our infant Saviour in the manger shine on us too and ever warm our hearts with gladness and hope as the future unfolds.



Christmas Mass Times



CHRISTMAS EVE, Friday 24th Dec

6.00 pm St Nicholas' Church
9.00 pm St Munchin's Chapel

CHRISTMAS DAY, Saturday 25th Dec

10.30 am St Nicholas' Church
12 noon St Munchin's Chapel

ST STEPHEN'S DAY, Sunday 26th Dec

10.30 am St Nicholas' Church
12 noon St Munchin's Chapel

*There is a warm welcome and a place for everyone
in our community, not only at Christmas,
but always.*

LAS POSADAS

Our parish Posada is now heading into the final week of travel through our parish. This week the statue of Joseph and Mary will visit homes in Riverdale, Shannon Banks and Mill Road arriving to St. Nicholas church for 6pm mass on Christmas Eve.



May God bless all our families this Christmas time.

Once again, thank you to all 30 families who took part in our parish Posada





ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 19th December 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries. If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening times to the office, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

With Sympathy mass cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available from the Parish Office.

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASSES

9.45am Mon, Tues, Wed, *St Munchin's College Chapel.*

10am in *St Mary's* : Thurs and Friday.

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, *St Nicholas' church*

Sun 12 noon , *St Munchin's College Chapel*

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

Masses from *St Nicholas Church* can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website 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

stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

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

Please
pray 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, those in hospital.

Please pray especially for Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara.

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.



GIVING TREE

To everyone who was able to contribute to this year's giving tree appeal for children helped by Bernardos and SVP, Thank you for your generosity.

St Nicholas' Pastoral Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise an item/issue at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



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