



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 19 February 2023

7th Sunday Ordinary time

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

Monday and Thursday 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

Phone: 061 341300

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 9.45am

St Munchin's College Chapel.

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 in the area to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, fundraisers, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/



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, Shane, Anna, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Liam, 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.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 5pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: The collection last weekend came to € 855 . Many thanks for your loyalty and support to the parish.

Prayer for when I can't receive communion:



My Jesus, I Believe that you are present In the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things

And 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

The Pastoral Council : notes from the monthly meeting



Fr. Richie is hoping to get a painter on board to review what needs doing in the church and provide a quote. In particular the church front doors badly need to be worked on.

A new volunteer group has been established to clean the church on a weekly basis. The group meets every Monday night at 19:00 in the church - any volunteers are most welcome.

On the 4 Mondays of March a **Lenten Programme** will be offered by Sharon Collopy, a resident in Westbury who has recently completed a two year Pastoral Leadership Course in the diocese. The evenings will be offered in the Diocesan Centre.

Sharon will be talking at all Masses on the weekend of 19th February to explain the Programme.

A reminder that **Ash Wednesday** is on 22nd Feb - Mass will be in St Munchins' college in the morning 09:45 and St. Nicholas at 19:00.

We are currently looking for some volunteers to take over the running of the **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** who sing at the 10:30 mass on Sunday and practice one evening a week. We are also looking for a volunteer to take over organising the church flowers.

St. Nicholas Pastoral Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise any items/issues at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:
PPCStNicholas@gmail.com

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP

"Be still and know...." Our meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10,30 in St. Nicholas' church parish centre.

Everyone is welcome. All you have to do is turn up "close your eyes and get out of Gods way".



NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for volunteers to help with producing the newsletter. For more information, you can contact Grace at 0868296193.

CLEANING GROUP for St Nicholas Church:
Due to meetings, there will be
NO CHURCH CLEANING
tomorrow evening Monday 20th February.



Dates for your Diary:

St Vincent de Paul collection is after masses on the first weekend of every month.

17 March: Friday, St Patrick's Day

25 March: Scoil Ide Confirmation Day

7 April: Team Limerick community cleanup

9 April: Easter Sunday

Lenten Packs

The parish liturgy team have prepared Lenten Packs, with Trócaire box, prayer leaflets and booklets. You can collect a pack for your family after mass this weekend.



Trócaire

TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

50th Anniversary Prayer

We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trócaire. We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity and shared human rights.

We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue their work for over fifty years, empowering communities to work together for a just world.

We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world.

Amen

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, 29th August-8th Sept. 2023. In association with Premier Travel, Cork. Contact Mícheál at 086-8337681 or email info@carpediemtours.ie
(See also our website: www.carpediemtours.ie)

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heary with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.