



# St. Nicholas' Parish News



Sunday 19th September 2021  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Mass Times

**WEEKDAY** 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, St Munchin's College Chapel  
All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

**WEEKEND** Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, St Nicholas' Church 12 noon, St Munchin's College Chapel



# Welcome

Glad you're here!

We have missed a lot of members of our Parish community who have stayed away because of Covid. As things begin to ease, we would like to give a big welcome back to all grandparents and older members of our community.

Masses this weekend will celebrate grandparents and the elderly.



## Prayer for when you can't receive 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 NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: [Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

## The Deep End — Welcoming the Child

In today's gospel Jesus is instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He took a little child and said to the disciples, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' As we continue our journey through the Season of Creation, we are reminded of Pope Francis' words in *Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home*, where he challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (*Laudato Si*, 160). In the context of the environmental crises our world is facing, how are we welcoming the generations to come? Pope Francis does not hold back when referring to the challenges: 'We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth' (*LS*, 161). We know that climate change and the biodiversity crisis are driving so many problems in our world at present. 'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.' (*LS*, 25). Yet our pace of consumption does not ease. Young people are standing up and calling governments and world leaders to account, rightly concerned about their future.

During this Season of Creation, we must pray for our world, and act. How can we restore our common home and ensure that our world is liveable for the generations who are coming after us? Can your parish explore becoming an Eco-Parish, setting up a care for creation team, turning church grounds in areas which promote biodiversity? There is so much we can do, and no action is too small. We must listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of our young people.

'The one thing we need more than hope is action. Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then, and only then, hope will come.' - Greta Thunberg.

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## Useful Contacts/Numbers

- ◆ COVID-19 Support Line for Older People—ALONE - 0818 222 024. SENIORLINE 1800 804591
- ◆ Community Call—Limerick City and County Council Tel 1800 852 389 E-mail [covidsupport@limerick.ie](mailto:covidsupport@limerick.ie)



## Parish Office Opening

**hours** Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house.

Phone: 061-341300

## Baptism



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

### Remembering those who are Sick



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for John, Brian, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dymphna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle and Aoife.

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.

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let Maura/Grace know by E-mail: [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



### SEASON OF CREATION

The link between nature and a feeling of well-being, peace and serenity is well documented in art and literature. For generations we have used nature as a source of inspiration, reminding us of the need to be still and patient, to let things happen in their own time and to trust in the never-ending nature of life. I hope these lines from the wonderful poet John O'Donohue will inspire you today...I would love to live, Like a river flows, Carried by the surprise, Of its own unfolding.

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One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between man and nature shall not be broken.

Leo Tolstoy

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### Used Clothing Collection

Support Shannon Banks Scouts fundraiser towards reopening the group while giving your wardrobes an Autumn

clear out. Where? Shannon Banks Scout hall

When? Wednesday 22nd September to Thursday 14th October 7-8pm at the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures meetings.

We cannot accept goods after the 14th October, your generosity and support is always appreciated

We Need: Good Quality, Wearable Clothing, Paired Shoes, Hats, Scarves, Bed Linen, Towels, Curtains, Belts & Handbags etc

