



## PARISH OFFICE

THE PARISH OFFICE RE-  
OPENS ON THURSDAY  
5th JANUARY 2023

"What is a friend?  
A single soul dwelling  
in two bodies."

—Aristotle

## Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
1 January 2023 •  
World Day of Peace

The story tells us that the shepherds helped Mary to realise the significance of the child born to her. She treasured their words and pondered their meaning. Who have been the people who have helped you to understand the meaning of significant events in your life? Remember them gratefully.



We are told that Mary 'pondered these things in her heart'. What part has prayerful reflection on life played for you? How has it been helpful to you in deepening your appreciation for the gift of life?

When the shepherds realized that they had been witnesses to a wonderful manifestation of God's love for his people they glorified and praised God. Recall ways in which you have been made aware of God's love for you. How have you expressed your gratitude?

John Byrne OSA  
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## ST NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR 10.30am mass

If you are interested in joining  
Please contact Kelly on 087 0514380 or  
Gina on 087 6728731.



### Prayer for when I can't receive communion:

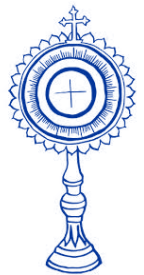
My Jesus, I Believe that you are present  
In the Most Holy Sacrament.

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

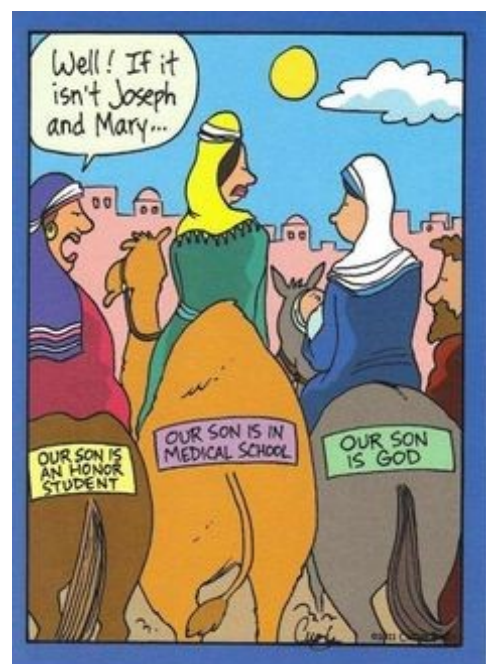
And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to  
be separated from you.

Amen



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](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)





## ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 1 January 2023

### Mary the Holy Mother of God

#### CONTACT NUMBERS

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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](mailto: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](http://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

[stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

Grace. 086 8296193

**FACEBOOK** [www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)

**BAPTISM** are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 4,30pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



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.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION:

The collection last weekend came to € .

Many thanks for your loyalty and support to the parish.



#### NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Following six years volunteering at the Parish newsletter, Máire will be retiring from the parish newsletter production at the end of January. Her dedication and contribution over the years is much appreciated.

We now appeal for a volunteer or volunteers to join the newsletter team. Ideally two new volunteers coming on board would mean that each person would produce the newsletter once every three weeks.

It would help if you are familiar with Microsoft office and can use it at home.

If you think you have the necessary skills and time please contact Fr Richie, Grace, or the Pastoral Council.