

St. Nicholas' Parish News

Web Edition
Sunday 1 November 2020
ALL SAINTS DAY

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Every Sunday Holy Mass Online

With public masses suspended for the time being, we will continue to celebrate masses daily on our Parish webcam from St Nicholas church.

To view, click www.saintnicholasparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv

Our weekend online masses will be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10:30 and 12 noon.

Daily mass : 9:45am Monday to Friday



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.



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the diocese click on
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Children's Newsletter



Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about next Sunday's Gospel. We have our Saint of the Week, Video of the week as well as a picture to colour!

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/childrens-newsletter101/>

Useful Contacts/Numbers

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



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



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 and Dympna

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 or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



All Saints' Day is generally celebrated on 1st November as a commemoration day for all Christian saints. It may also be known as All Hallows' Day, Solemnity of All Saints, Halloween, or Feast of Saints.

Traditions of All Saints' Day

The origin of All Saints' Day may date back to a Greek Christian tradition from the 4th century, when a festival was held to honour saints and martyrs on the Sunday following Pentecost.

The first recorded All Saints' Day occurred on 13 May 609 CE when Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon in Rome as a gift from the Emperor Phocas. The Pope dedicated the day as a holiday to honour the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs.

In 835 CE, during the reign of Pope Gregory III, the festival was moved to 1st November and was expanded to include the honouring of all saints. It is likely that 1st November was intentionally chosen to replace the pagan feast of the dead, Samhain. The night before Samhain was a time when evil spirits roamed the land looking for humans. To confuse the spirits, people would dress up as creatures. This tradition carried on after 1 November became a Christian festival, hence the name of Halloween - which is a shortened version of *All Hallows' Eve*.

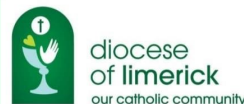
The day survived the Reformation, though the Protestants combined it with All Souls' Day, which was on 2nd November.

In Roman Catholicism, All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. This means Catholics must go to Mass on the date unless there is a good reason not to attend. The holiday is typically observed with a reading of the Beatitudes, eight blessings given in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as recounted in the Gospel of Matthew.

The Beatitudes

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.
BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.
BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED
BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

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Experiencing God's Word

- Allowing Isaiah's perspective to inform our lives

You are invited to a series of six, weekly online scripture reflections with Sr Therese Fitzgerald (Sisters of Zion) on the

Book of Isaiah

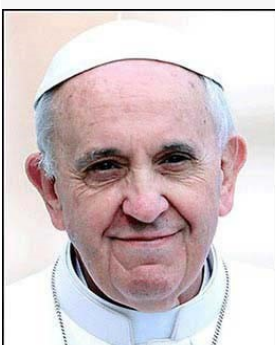
7:30-9pm, Tuesday 3rd November until Tuesday 8th December



To register visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IsaiahReflections>

All are welcome!



There are the saints of every day, the 'hidden' saints, a sort of 'middle class of holiness'... to which we can all belong.

— Pope Francis —