

St Nicholas Parish Newsletter

30th September & 1st October 2023

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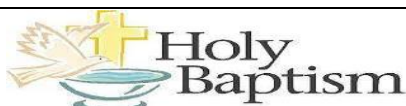
Mass Schedule

St Nicholas Church
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
(Tracey Costello singing)
Sunday 10.00am
(St. Munchin's College Chapel Choir)

St Mary's Church
Saturday Vigil 5.00p.m.
(Folk Choir)
Sunday 11.30am
(St. Mary's Choir and Organist)

Parish Live Streaming of Masses

Masses from St Nicholas Church can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website www.saintnicholasparish.ie or at <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



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 2nd & 4th Saturday in the month.

Baptism are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.
Contact the Parish Office for an enrolment form.

St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm
Email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com
Phone: 061-341300

If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church, the parish office is located in St Nicholas Church (access through the Prayer Chapel).

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

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events

Please send details to saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the heading

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP

"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"

Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45 in St. Nicholas Prayer Chapel. Everybody is welcome. All you need do is "turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way" ...

Prayer 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 and those in hospital. 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.

Prayer for when I can't receive communion



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

The total contribution for the week ending 24th September amounted to €886.

The Diocesan Needs Collection amounted to €387.63

Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish. Your donation is very much appreciated.



*We offer our condolences to the family of Eileen O'Sullivan R.I.P.
Michael Ahern R.I.P.
May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace*

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30	Pro Populo
Sunday 10.00	Pro Populo



4th - 29th October 2023
First Session
Assembly of the
Synod of Bishops
in Rome

Bishop Brendan Leahy is one of two Bishops who will be travelling from Ireland to take part in the Assembly in Rome in October. Welcoming the announcement, Bishop Leahy said, "I very much look forward to the gathering in October. I believe the positive engagement and valuable inputs on the part of many in Ireland in the Synodal pathway to date have helped to prepare me. 'I pray that the October assembly will be a time of going deeper still, in listening together with participants from across the world to what the Spirit is saying to the Church at this time, so often described by Pope Francis as an era of transformation'".

Bishop Leahy reflected that, "The Synodal Process is about conversion, and we pray that all participants will be open in mind and heart to what the Holy Spirit wants of each individually, and collectively. In light of Pope Francis' comment that 'without prayer there will be no Synod', we encourage people of faith to unceasingly pray to God over the coming weeks at daily and weekend Masses, at home, and in religious communities, to intercede for Pope Francis and for all members of the Synodal Assembly."

Bishop Leahy has asked us to distribute this prayer

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go,
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path,
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

Fundraising for the

"Street Children" of Kolkata (Calcutta)

With the kind permission of Fr. Richie Davern, I Seosamh Ó Cuinneagáin (Joe Cunningham) would like to make my annual appeal for donations on behalf of the Street Children of Kolkata (Calcutta), who live in abject poverty, at all the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th October 2023 respectively in St. Mary's and St. Nicholas Churches. This is a humanitarian crisis of enormous proportion. I came to know about the Street children many years ago through Fr. Derek Leonard who was a curate in our parish of Mungret-Crecora-Raheen. Fr. Derek is also a past pupil of mine from Ardscoil Rís secondary school here in Limerick. All donations go directly to these poor children for food, education and general welfare. I am returning again to Kolkata at the end of November and I cover all my traveling, medical and accommodation expenses. I have been teaching English to the Street Children in Kolkata since 2011 where I have experienced extreme poverty, suffering and unnecessary deaths as a result of man's inhumanity to man. I also help with the sick and dying in Mother Teresa's hospice, in Kalighat in the heart of the slums. I would be very much obliged if you could contribute towards this worthy cause. Without your help, this work would be impossible. Thanking you in advance for your kind contributions.

Go raibh mile, míle maith agaibh,

A workshop for parents, people in ministry, community leaders and others to **start the conversation** on the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing in the family, the parish, and the wider community. Details of resources and supports available to families, parishes and community groups will be shared. Date: **Tuesday 10th October, 7:30-9pm in Limerick Diocesan Centre.** (No charge) Please register your place here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PostiveMentalHealth>

DOMINICAN
Pilgrimage to Knock

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 8TH
ST. SAVIOUR'S DOMINICAN CHURCH
LIMERICK

Tickets available in the sacristy after 1pm Mass each day