

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10



And the good news the shepherds heard that first Christmas night remains a treasured gift to us, the birth of the baby Jesus in the humblest of circumstances, to Mary and Joseph.

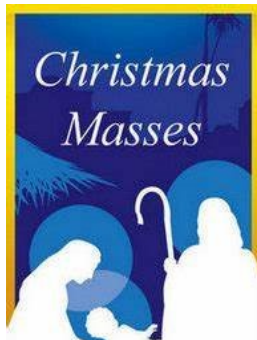
Traditionally it is a time we gather to celebrate at Mass, to sing carols and to share hospitality with family and friends. This Christmas will be somewhat different, for we must be careful and kind and look out for each other's best interest, perhaps by staying away from loved ones and avoiding social occasions.

We can still make a call, however, send an email, wave a friendly greeting or exchange simple tokens - small gestures maybe, but infused with warmth and meaning.

May the child Jesus shower His blessings on each and every one and may the true spirit of Christmas inspire us to share in the message of "Peace on earth and goodwill to all " with full and generous hearts. (Luke 2:14)



A Christmas message from St Nicholas' Parish Pastoral Council



Our 5 Christmas masses in St Nicholas Church, on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning are now full. Admission to masses are with a ticket only.

For those who will not be celebrating with us in person, please join us online at www.saintnicholasparish.ie

or <https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

Christmas Eve : 4pm, 6pm and 9pm

Christmas Day : 10:30am and 12 noon

You are welcome to also join us on Sunday, December 27th for mass.

Thank You for your understanding and cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

There will not be mass on St Stephen's Day, Saturday Dec 26th, in St Nicholas Church

Volunteer stewards are needed for helping at weekend masses. If you can help please contact Fr.Derek or Maura 0879576148



St Nicholas Church Crib.

Please feel free to call in and visit our crib in St Nicholas church.

You can take away a copy of the

"12 cribs of Christmas".



Advent Confessions

St Nicholas church
Christmas eve
11am to 12noon



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 John, Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, Lilia, Muirinn, Orla and Amy.

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, please contact the newsletter by email or phone.



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 20th Dec 2020,
4th Sunday Advent



Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



All public masses are celebrated in St Nicholas Church.

Face Masks must be worn at all masses.

Numbers are restricted, please come early to ensure a place.

WEEKDAY 9.45am Monday to Friday

WEEKEND Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon

TOILET FACILITIES Please note that toilet facilities cannot be provided in St Nicholas' Church in order to adhere to strict Covid19 guidelines.



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

Newsletter stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com
Maura. 086 0429952
Grace. 086 8296193

The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page.

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/



PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.
Phone: 061 341300
email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

CHRISTMAS CD

Tracy and Andrea have recorded a Christmas CD called : Andrea and Tracy's Christmas Favourites, @ €10 per CD. For more details contact Tracy 0876124127 or Andrea 0838847824

PARISH POSADA

Our parish posadas now enters the final week of its advent journey. The nativity set of Mary and Joseph will this week be welcomed in Carraig Midhe and Westbury and will be brought to 4pm mass on Christmas eve by the Fox family.



We remember in our prayers all families and neighbours especially those in need of prayers.

We would like to thank the 25 families who took part in our Parish Posada this Advent.

What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?

Santa Pause



What did the cow get for Christmas?

A COWculator!



Why is it always cold at Christmas?

Because it's Decemberrrrrrrrr!



What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.

