

'Let us go across to the other side'



'Let us go across to the other side' is an important phrase in Mark's Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus' geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple's astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' After all, Jesus has led them, and 'other boats' into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today's Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, 'Peace! Be Still'. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them.

'May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing.' (Shane Claiborne).

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24th June, Birth of John the Baptist



Summer Smiles



Q: What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?

A: Swimming trunks!

Q: Why did the dolphin cross the beach?

A: To get to the other tide!

Q: Why don't oysters share their pearls?

A: Because they're shellfish!

please
pray 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, those in hospital.

Please pray especially for Ailish, Frank, Fiona, Niamh, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Orla, Ruby, Carmel.

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.

**STEWARDS
WANTED**

Stewards are needed for weekend masses as we are hoping to set up teams of 4 working on a rota basis.

If you can help, contact Fr. Derek or any steward.



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 20th June 2021

12th Sunday in ordinary time

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



All masses are Currently held in St Nicholas Church

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

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/

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Phone: 1800 852 389 or

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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.

Important Notice on Public Masses

Numbers will be limited to 50 people per Mass.

The Mass schedule will apply to the end of June and will be reviewed for July and August.

We encourage everyone to adhere to the safety protocols when joining us for Mass:

Social distance

Sanitize your hands

Wear a face mask

More information of the Governments decision on the resumption of public worship (including funeral and wedding ceremonies) can be accessed on www.gov.ie

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 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.

SPIRITUAL ACT OF
COMMUNION

