

## St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 20 September 2020  
25th Sunday Ordinary Time

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**PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**

Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc. Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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**by Wednesday please**

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### 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.



St Nicholas church celebrates live mass every weekend. Mass can be viewed on the Parish webcam for those who prefer to participate from a distance. Masses can be found on [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) and [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas)

**Mass times are:** St. Nicholas—Saturday: 6pm; Sunday 10:30 am  
St. Munchins—Sunday 12pm; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:45am

Thank You for your Co-operation in creating a safe environment for masses in our Parish.

Our capacity for St Nicholas church is 80 people as by the guidelines for religious services. Our stewards count the amount of attendees to ensure we do not go over this number.

**Please come early to ensure a place**

We strongly recommend wearing a mask at services and appreciate your help in social distancing.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support. Your donations to our church collection helps to fund the day to day costs of keeping our church open.

We have incurred additional costs recently due to Covid19 precautions and also due to the installation of our webcam which ensures our Masses can be viewed by family who cannot attend the ceremony in person. The restrictions on how many people can attend Mass has impacted greatly on our finances. For your safety we no longer hold a basket collection during Mass. Instead we have placed boxes at the church entrance and exits for donations.



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

Thank you once again for whatever you can give us.

### Getting Ready for my First Holy Communion



#### Calling all families with children for first Holy Communion!

Our own Fr Chris O'Donnell has teamed up again with Eleanor and Joanna to prepare three video lessons for girls and boys preparing for their First Holy Communion.

This first episode helps them to understand Reconciliation (Confession) and God's incredible love for us...

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/come-to-the-table-of-the-lord-preparing-for-first-holy-communion-episode-1/>



### Parish Office Opening hours

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house. Phone: 061-341300



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1.00pm.

Contact the church office.

### The Deep End

#### Unequal opportunities

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light.

Today, he tells the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all his workers - those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined late in the day. Naturally, the 'early birds' are put out by this - they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised.

Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law-abiding, who make the most of opportunities - they deserve a decent standard of living. Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or 'handouts'? Such criticisms fail to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life.

But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity - some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time. God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life.

Sadly we do not live in an equal world where everyone's dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities. In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world's poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction - damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others.

*'Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.'*

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

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To the last of the 6th class for 2020 from Scoil Ide who made their Confirmation yesterday.



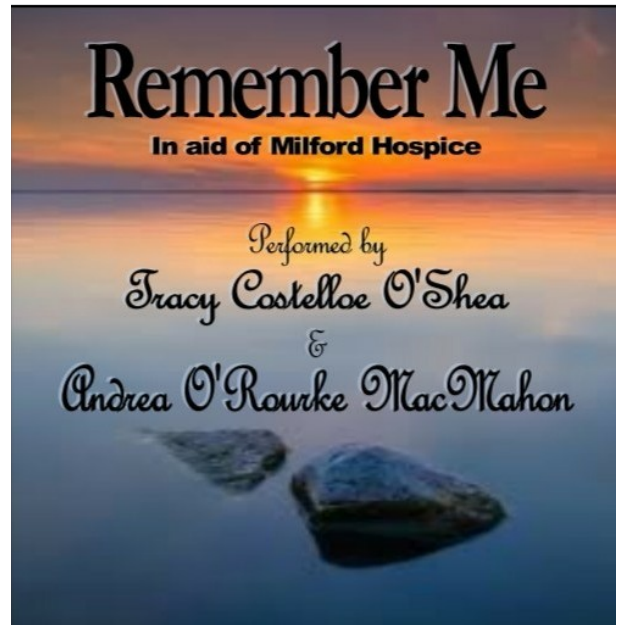
### Remembering those who are Sick

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 Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Young Michael, 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](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



Tracey (St. Nicholas church singer) and her friend Andrea, have put their beautiful voices to a CD which they have titled "Remember Me" in aid of Milford Hospice.

In such difficult times the ladies came together to bring music back to mass initially. They say they enjoyed it so much that they thought it would be an alternative way to raise funds for such a worthy cause. There probably isn't a family in Limerick that hasn't in some way been touched by the services provided by Milford.

Why don't you treat yourself today while helping such a worthy cause.

The CD will be on sale from this weekend @ €10 each. You can chat after Mass to Tracey about buying a copy of this CD or you can contact Andrea on 083 884 7824.

