



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Web Edition

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Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

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

Daily mass : 9:45am Monday to Friday

### The Deep End — 'We should like to see Jesus'

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's gospel, some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his 'hour' is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw 'all people' to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles - including these Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of 'indiscriminate welcome'. As we continue our journey through Lent and soon into Holy Week, we listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for everyone. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Notwithstanding the current restrictions on gatherings and public worship, let us take this time to reflect on the world we would like to build when things open up again. Are we open to everyone, including 'outsiders'? Do our homes, parishes and communities radiate welcome, where all who enter experience God's love?

*'For some, the good news is that there are insiders and outsiders and they are the insiders. For others, the good news is that there are no outsiders.'* (Rachel Held Evans)

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**Trocaire** Trocaire Lenten Boxes can be collected from the church, open daily between 9am and 3pm.  
Working for a just world.

Walk, run or cycle for Trocaire this Lent #fromlimerickwith love  
GoFundMe Page for donations—[gf.me/u/zhfkrk](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zhfkrk)  
[www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)



### 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.



### 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](mailto:Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)



## 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  
061-341300

### 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, Dymrna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby and Michelle.

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

### Sharing the 'Good News' Spring 2021



Fr Derek has recently learned that there are over 400 webcam links each day to Masses celebrated in St Nicholas' Church. Many are parishioners or live locally, while others come from various parts of Ireland and abroad. Some have Limerick connections and are joining us from the United Kingdom and the United States amongst other locations. Many, however, have simply happened upon us by chance.

It is a great blessing to be part of such a wide and diverse community of faith and a great privilege too.

As the days of Lent pass - we are more than halfway through - our thoughts turn towards Easter. May we extend a warm welcome to our entire 'virtual' congregation and an invitation to share together with us the Easter rituals and the joys and promise of new life in the risen Christ.

Message from St Nicholas' Parish Pastoral Council

#### 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!

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<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 [covid-support@limerick.ie](mailto:covid-support@limerick.ie)

