

NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



St Nicholas Parish

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 10.00am
Parish Live Streaming of Masses
from St Nicholas Church; log onto
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>
or via the parish website; www.saintnicholasparish.ie



St Mary's Parish

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am
Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am
Parish Live Streaming of Masses
from St Mary's Church; log onto
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st April 2024

Clergy Contacts

Fr Richie Davern 0872977500

Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4th Saturday in the month.
Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 4pm
Contact the Parish Office for more information and a Baptism Enrolment form.

St Nicholas Parish Office

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

St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm
Email: stmarysparishlk@outlook.com
Phone: 061-416300

You can contact the office if you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church. With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/
www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick

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

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

Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon. Items received after this time unfortunately cannot be included

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may e found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500

PARISH NEWS



*We offer our condolences to the families of
Marion Bridgeman R.I.P.
Timothy 'Ted' McGrath R.I.P.
Tony O'Shea R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Pro Populo

Sunday 10.00am

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*We offer our condolences to the families of
Mary McGuire R.I.P.
Nessa Hogan R.I.P.
Anthony Cleary R.I.P.
Matthew Sheedy R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Colm Kearney (1st Anniv)

Bill, Kathleen, Aine & Eamon Thornhill (Anniv)

Josephine 'Dona' Ryan (100th Birthday Remem)

Sunday 11.30am

J.J. Kennealy (6th Anniv)

Molly O'Connor (1st Anniv)

Margaret Hughes (Anniv)

Christine Roberts (Anniv)

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.

Parish Pastoral Council meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council
 St Nicholas Parish Pastoral council email: PPCStNicholas@gmail.com
 St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email; stmarysparishlk@outlook.com



The total collection for weekend 13th & 14th April amounted to €860 in St Nicholas Church and €1207 in St Mary's Church (this includes donations to Shrines) €918 was returned for Trócaire

We are very thankful for your continued generosity, and grateful for your loyalty and support.

Vocation Sunday this weekend

On this day, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. We will also hold a collection to support students studying for the priesthood.

St Nicholas 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"*...

If you would like to make your donation by bank transfer, the parish account details are as follows;

St Mary's Church Account

Allied Irish Bank
 106/108 O'Connell Street, Limerick
 IBAN: IE11 AIBK 9352 4794 4621 73
 BIC: AIBKIE2D

St Nicholas Church Account

Bank of Ireland
 University Branch, Limerick
 IBAN: IE84 BOFI 9045 9525 8744 17
 BIC: BOFIE2D

Prayer for Favourable Weather

God our Father, we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace. We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons. Bless us with the favourable weather which we so badly need at this time, especially for our farming community and all others whose livelihoods depend on it. Grant them strength and perseverance in their work. In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment, knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities. Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life. Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them, recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life. Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of the earth and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it. May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Congratulations to Mr. Anthony O'Donnell, St Mary's Park, recent winner of the National Volunteer of the Year Award who was honoured last Wednesday night with a Mayoral Reception at the Council Chambers, Dooradoyle. We are all very proud for Anthony of this recognition



Friday April 19th at 8.00pm: Book Launch
'The Story of Athlunkard Street 1824-2024' by Denis O'Shaughnessy in St Mary's RFC clubhouse by Cllr. Conor Sheehan. There will be readings and music. *'The Story of Athlunkard Street 1824-2024'* will be available to purchase for €15 and proceeds will go to St Mary's Branch Vincent de Paul. This book will also be on sale in St Mary's Credit Union office and in McMahons Butchers.

Thursday April 25th at 7.30pm Celebratory Concert in St Mary's Church with Choirs, singers & musicians. Admission free. (See poster below)

'The Story of Athlunkard Street 1824-2024' will be available to purchase on the night.

Friday April 26th at 5.30 pm Unveiling of Plaque Commemorating the founding of the CYMS in 1849 where Credit Union Office is now.

Saturday April 27th at 11.30am: Historic Street Walk, with John Elliot, followed by Unveiling of Plaque commemorating the 200th establishment of the street.

Sunday April 28th at 11.30am Commemorative Mass, in St Mary's Church, celebrated by Bishop Leahy, followed by band parade to Athlunkard Boat Club for street/party/barbeque.

Monday April 29th at 8.00pm Lecture on the History of Athlunkard Street by Dr. Derek Mulcahy in Mary Immaculate College.

**Athlunkard Street 200
1824-2024**

Celebration Concert
St Mary's Church Athlunkard Street
7.30pm Thursday 25th April 2024
 Compere Mike Finn
 Accompanist Irina Dernova

Concert Programme

Prelude: St. Mary's Fife and Drum Band.
 St. Mary's Folk Choir.

The Gúnas

The Gúnas joined by Ardscoil Mhuire students.

Siobhan O'Brien

Killaloe Male Voice Choir

Olive O'Brien

The Limerick Tune Weavers (Ukulele Group)

Michael O'Brien

Andrea O'Rourke

St. Mary's Church Choir

Finale.

Admission free.

"The Story of Athlunkard Street 1824-2024"
 books will be on sale on the night