

# 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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.

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](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)  
 Phone: 061-341300

### St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm  
 Email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto: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/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)  
[www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



*We offer our condolences to the families of*

*Bishop William Lee, R.I.P.  
 Bishop Emeritus of Waterford & Lismore  
 Nancy Ruschitzko R.I.P.*

*May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

#### Saturday 6.30pm

Joan Moran 12<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 Mary Kearney Anniv  
 Derek Nolan 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv

#### Sunday 10.00am

Catherine O'Connor Anniv



*We offer our condolences to the families of*

*Pauline Purcell R.I.P.  
 Anthony O'Donnell R.I.P.  
 Kathleen Gavin R.I.P.  
 Joan Hartigan R.I.P.  
 Maura Leamy R.I.P.  
 Catherine Ryan (Guerin) R.I.P.*

*May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

### Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

#### Saturday 5.00pm

Brian McNamara M.M.  
 Kathleen Cotter Anniv  
 Patricia Houlihan 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
 John Lillis 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv  
 Christy Collopy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 Tony Ryan 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv

#### Sunday 11.30am

Catherine O'Connor 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
 Paddy Mullane Anniv  
 Betty Keane Anniv  
 Rose & Joe Keane Anniv  
 Thomas Storan 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

### Prayer for when I can't receive communion

#### Act of Spiritual 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.

### 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.

**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](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email:  
[stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)



### Weekly Collection

The total collection for weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 amounted to €807 in St Nicholas Church and €1105 in St Mary's Church and €280 Shrines collection

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

**Diocesan Needs Collection** this weekend (3rd Sunday in the month). Money raised from this collection is forwarded to the Diocesan Office and used to fund central support services to parishes of our Diocese.

### St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

Every Tuesday at 10.45am  
in St Nicholas Prayer Chapel.

"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"

All you need do is

"Turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"...

*All welcome*



### Annual Diocesan Collection for Limerick Social Service Council will be held this weekend

The services provided include;

Child & Family supports

Early Years' Service

Parent Support programmes in the local community

Family Advocacy Service

Older People Services

Child & Family Centre

This collection supports the day to day running costs of the Centre which is located on Henry Street.

Limerick Social Service Council has been actively involved in the work of responding to need and helping people in social care activities since 1966 in the Limerick region.

Thank you for your support.

### DIOCESE OF MEATH VACANCY DIRECTOR OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT 5 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT

The Diocese is seeking to recruit for the role of Director of Faith Development in the Diocese of Meath. It is an exciting and challenging opportunity in the life and mission of the Diocese. The post holder will be required to lead and work under their own initiative as well as work as part of a team to develop and implement new approaches, resources and programmes to adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, and evangelisation in parishes across the diocese.

The terms are based on a 5-year Fixed Term Contract, working 35 hours per week, work pattern to be agreed.

**Salary:** Will be considered within the range of €40,000-€42,500 gross per annum - commensurate upon experience and qualifications.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan Website at: [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie) clicking on the tab **job vacancy** where terms and conditions and application form relating to the role can also be accessed.

Applications are welcome from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role in faith development in the Diocese of Meath.

**Closing date for applications will be 5pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

### Formation Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Adult  
Formation  
Course  
Level 1A, 1B & 2A



Level 1A:  
Feb 12-17, 2024  
Level 1B:  
Oct 28-Nov 2, 2024  
Level 2A:  
June 28th- July 3, 2024

#### ABOUT THE METHOD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to Christian catechesis for children aged 3-12 years which enables them to experience and form an authentic relationship with God.

The Catechesis is rooted in Scripture and the Liturgy of the Church and is inspired by Maria Montessori's principles of education.



#### COURSE INFORMATION FOR LEVEL 1A, FEB 12-17TH, 2024

Location: St. Saviours' Dominican Church, Limerick (Access only by stairs-no lift)

Time: 9am-5pm daily

Cost: Early Bird Special: 200 Euros if registered by Dec 10th.

250 Euros (materials and snacks). Lunch not included. Bring a lunch.

Formation Leader: Sr. Theresa Anne Knuth, O.P. & Kasia Wita, Assistant

Contact: Sr Mary Emily, O.P. at [limerick@op-tn.org](mailto:limerick@op-tn.org) for more details and to register

**"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME" (MT 19:14)**

