



# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

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## OFFICE OPENING TIMES:



Monday and Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries. If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening

times to the office, located at St Nicholas Church, Email: [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com) Phone: 061 341300

With Sympathy mass-cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 9.45am  
St Munchin's College Chapel.



## WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6.00pm, Sun.10.30am, St Nicholas' Church  
Sun 12 noon , St Munchin's College Chapel

## PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

Masses from St Nicholas Church can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://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 in the area to avail of the weekly newsletter to promote upcoming events.

Please send details to

[saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com) with NEWSLETTER in the heading

## PARISH FACEBOOK:

[www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you would like to start contributing to the Parish using the Offertory Envelope System, please call the Parish Office and we will



organise a box of envelopes which will have a number assigned to you.

## PARISH MEDITATION GROUP

"Be still and know...."

Our meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am in St. Nicholas' church prayer space. Everyone is welcome. All you have to do is turn up "close your eyes and get out of Gods way".

## 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

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and 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



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** collection is after masses on the first weekend each month

## St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council

meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you can email them to: [PPCStNicholas@gmail.com](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)



BAPTISM

Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 5pm in St.

Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchins College Chapel. Contact

the Parish Office for further details.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION:

The total contribution for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 amounted to €1065.

Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish. Your donation is very much appreciated.

The Trócaire contribution to-date: €1295.62.

## Mass Bookings

St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.00pm	Chrissie Cosgrove (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
Sunday 10.30am	Pro Populo

St Munchins College Chapel

Sunday 12noon	Pro Populo
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# First Holy Communion

This weekend we celebrate our third First Holy Communion ceremony in the parish. These children have been preparing all year for this special occasion. It is always a great joy to celebrate the First Communion Mass. We congratulate the children and thank them, their families and their teachers for their tremendous efforts in preparing for this ceremony. We also thank our First Holy Communion Team for the time they spent preparing the children to receive this sacrament. God Bless you and your families on this very special day.

We have 1 more First Holy Communion ceremony at 10.30am on Sunday 28th May - Ms Lyndsay's Class

<p><b>St. Nicholas church cleaning:</b> We will be cleaning the church, prayer room and the parish centre on <b>Monday 29th May</b> <b>from 7pm to 8pm.</b> If you wish to help out, just turn up on the night. <i>The more that come the more we get done!</i></p>	
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## Community Choir

### Summer Concert 2023

Wednesday 31 May @ 7.30pm

### Lime Tree Theatre

Guests: Killaloe Male Voice Choir & Dancers from The Dance Academy Limerick

Noel Lennon, keyboard  
Dermot Hinchy, drums  
Michael Murphy, doublebass  
Paul Collins, director

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Donations in aid of Focus Ireland

## St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council monthly meeting took place on Monday 8th May. Listed below are some of the items that were discussed; **Communion & Confirmation**

We want families to consciously choose to receive the sacraments and not just going along with the flow. A meeting will be held before the summer break with the parents of next year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation children to outlining the program of preparation for the families. Parents will be asked to reflect over the summer time to decide if they wish their child to go forward for the relevant sacrament and enrol in September

### Mass Bookings

With immediate effect we will list the weekly Mass bookings in our Newsletter for the relevant week. To facilitate this, it is important when you are booking a Mass that it is done no later than the Thursday, as this will ensure that the name will appear in the Newsletter.

### Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

We would ask our Eucharistic Ministers and Readers to 'sign-in' on the Attendance Register before Mass. This register is in the Pastoral Centre.

Also, there will be a meeting for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers in September to both renew the spiritual aspect of these roles and to also re-familiarise themselves with relevant protocols.

### Groundsman

A huge thank you to our new groundsman, Brian Holman. He has done some trojan work in the church grounds so far and we look forward to the improvements he will make as time goes on.

### Improvements to the Church

We have spoken to an architect about some work that is badly needed at the front entrance to St Nicholas Church, we will keep you updated when we have some news! We have also spoken with decorator about painting the church.

## Parteen Men's Shed

will hold a church gate collection next weekend 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May to raise much needed funds.



ALL PROCEEDS TO RESTORE THE ROOF AT THE DOMINICAN CHURCH LIMERICK

## GALA CONCERT

### LOUISE MORRISSEY AND GUESTS

**RADISSON BLU HOTEL LIMERICK**

### FRIDAY 26TH MAY

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM  
GREAT SPOT PRIZES AND DRAW ON THE NIGHT

Tickets €25  
Haven Pharmacy, Davis Street or St. Saviour's Dominican Parish Office Limerick  
Phone: 085 2255796