



St. Nicholas' Parish News

22nd January 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.*



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 Grace 086 8296193 or by

E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com



Mass Times

WEEKDAY 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, St. Munchin's College Chapel

All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

WEEKEND St. Nicholas Church: Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am
 St Munchin's College Chapel: 12 noon

St. Nicholas Pastoral Parish Council

The Pastoral Council met on Monday night. Few things to report.

The last of the rubbish has been cleared from the grounds. Thanks again to Eoin Fox for sourcing a man to do the work for us. Other works to the exterior must wait until the weather improves.

We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering to train in the use of a defibrillator.

We are also looking for a volunteer for to help with producing the newsletter. You can get in touch with Grace.

We thank most sincerely Máire Baragry for her dedication to producing the newsletter for the last 6 years and we also thank Grace LeGear O'Brien for her continued commitment.

We have discovered a leak which manifested in the lower roof in the office area but after investigation, the source was identified as being in the higher roof. We are awaiting a construction company to investigate.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. There will be Mass in the College Chapel at 9.45 am and at 7.00 pm in St. Nicholas.

On the 4 Mondays of March a Lenten Program will be offered by Sharon Collopy, a resident in Westbury who has recently completed a two year Pastoral Leadership Course in the diocese. The evenings will be offered in the Diocesan Centre, details later. We thank Sharon for her generous offer to do this.

The new Chairperson of the Pastoral Council is Noel Baragry and the secretary is MJ Geary.

We thank them both for generously offering to undertake these roles.

St. Nicholas Pastoral Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise any items/issues at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:

PPCS+Nicholas@gmail.com

We very much appreciate your contribution to the church collection for the week ending 15th January 2023 which was €2985.00. Thank you.





Parish Office Opening hours Monday and Thursday 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 Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara, Bobby, Shane, Anna, Michael and Claire.

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 us know by E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Grace on 086 8296193



NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to join the newsletter team. Ideally two new volunteers coming on board would mean that each person would produce the newsletter once every three weeks. It would help if you are familiar with Microsoft office and can use it at home.

If you think you have the necessary skills and time please contact Fr Richie 087 297 7500

Parish Newsletter
email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

The Parish Pastoral Council
email: PPCStNicholas@gmail.com

Parish Meditation Group

"Be still and know..."

Our meditation group resumes on Tuesday 24th January at 10,30 in St. Nicholas' church parish centre.

Everyone is welcome. All you have to do is turn up "close your eyes and get out of Gods way".



COME FOLLOW ME

Catechists' Training



03 Feb - 05 Feb 2023

A weekend training for 'Come Follow Me Catechesis' taking place in Limerick, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia.

Learn the beauty of Scripture for children's faith formation and sacramental preparation

Contact: limerick@op-tn.org for more details or to register

The Catechetical program "Come, follow me" is used for the catechesis of children in parishes and schools. This training is open to all ages (over 18) and no previous experience or training is required. Spaces are limited and registration closes on Jan 27.

Thank you, God, for everything,

The big things and the small.

For "every good gift comes from God"...

The giver of them all.

And all too often we accept, without any thanks or praise,
The gifts God sends as blessings, each day in many ways.

First, thank you for the little things

That often come our way,

The things we take for granted

But don't mention when we pray,

The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed,
A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need.

Oh, make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces

That come to us with "sweet surprise"

From never-dreamed-of places.

Then, thank you for the "Miracles"

We are much too blind to see,

And give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee,
And help us to remember that the Key of Life and Living

Is to make each prayer a Prayer of Thanks

And every day Thanksgiving

Helen Steiner Rice

