

6th Sunday of Easter



Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.



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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 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.

SPIRITUAL ACT OF COMMUNION



Mass for Examination Students

6.00 pm Mass on Saturday evening May 28th will be celebrated for all those studying and sitting examinations at this time.

Over the next few weeks, there will be a book available in the church in which the names of students who would like to be prayed for may be entered. This book will be placed on the altar during the mass.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

“Rights Don’t Get Old”
Wednesday 15th June 2022

The United Nations General Assembly has designated the 15th June annually as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It is well documented that there will be a significant growth in the population of older persons between the years 2015 – 2030 and with this increase come the increase and risk of abuse. The abuse of older people is an increasing and serious problem so it is vital to raise awareness of it in an effort to prevent it. Raising awareness of what constitutes abuse and ensuring that people know how to report any concerns they have is important in this regard. This day focuses our attention on the need for all of us, to take responsibility in preventing elder abuse for those with whom we work to care for and those within our community.

The theme of this year is ‘Rights Don’t Get Old’. All are encouraged to wear the purple ribbon or the colour purple to mark the day.

Music and a Chat!

Where: Every Wednesday afternoon between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm in the Scout Hall, Shannon Banks.

What: A friendly musical and social get together and a lovely opportunity to relax in pleasant surroundings.

This has been growing in popularity as people learn about it and all are welcome. There is a break for refreshments, a nominal charge of **€3.00** and a good time guaranteed, so think about if you enjoy great music and company!




MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE
INVITE YOU TO AN

*Age Friendly
Coffee
Morning*

Friday 27th May 2022

10:30 am
G10,
Mary Immaculate
College



Have your say on how MIC can connect with and support the senior members of our local community!
To register, please contact patricia.osullivan@mic.ul.ie or call 061 205108

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

It is hoped to reintroduce the children's choir, sadly missed during Covid, in September. Musicians are needed and also adult volunteers to assist in the preparations over the Summer months and later running practice sessions etc. Please contact Fr Derek if you are interested in being involved in this wonderful asset to our parish.



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:
saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 22 May

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CONTACT NUMBERS

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

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PARISH OFFICE 061 341300

OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 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, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

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

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASSES

9.45am Mon, Tues, Wed, *St Munchin's College Chapel*.

10am in *St Mary's* : Thurs and Friday.

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6pm, 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 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 to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

BAPTISM are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 4.30pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those who are preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital.

Please pray especially for Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara.

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.



for your continued support at the weekly church collections. Contributions for the Week ending Week ending 15st May 2022 was € 1242.00

ALONE

Supporting older people
to age at home

ALONE are currently looking for befriending volunteers in your area. Support and Befriending is a supported one-to-one relationship between a volunteer and an older person who has been linked in with ALONE.

The ALONE Support and Befriending service provides companionship and practical support to older people who would like extra social contact through a weekly volunteer visit. The Support and Befriending service is designed to reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness, provide assistance to solve everyday problems and enable older people to feel secure at home.

Visit www.alone.ie for more details and to sign up.

If you have concerns about your own wellbeing or you are an older person who would like to receive ALONE's Support & Befriending services, contact ALONE on 0818 222 024 from 8am - 8pm, seven days a week."