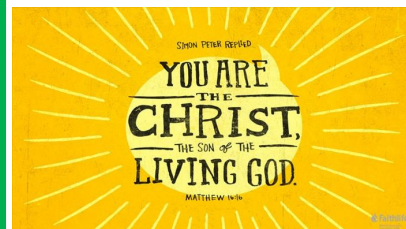


St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 23rd August 2020
21st Sunday Ordinary Time

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Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc. Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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by Wednesday please

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Children's Newsletter



Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about next Sunday's Gospel. We have our Saint of the Week, Video of the week as well as a picture to colour!

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/childrens-newsletter101/>

Every Sunday Holy Mass Online

St Nicholas church celebrates live mass every weekend. Masses can be found on www.saintnicholasparish.ie and www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas

Mass times are: Saturday: 6pm Sunday 10:30 am and 12

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:45am

For the time being we will only be using St Nicholas church, Westbury.

Because of social distancing guidelines, spaces are limited. We ask that you please **COME EARLY** and on time to ensure a seat. We also ask that you respect the stewards by following their directions.

For a complete list of online Masses please see <https://www.limerickdiocese.org/news/masses-available-online-and-on-the-radio-in-the-diocese-of-limerick/>



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.

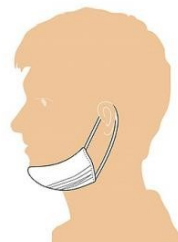
DOs AND DON'Ts OF WEARING A MASK



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You might as well not be wearing a mask at all.

Fantastic! YOU care about others
Thank you



Parish Office Opening hours

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 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 bookings will be taken from mid July. Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1.00pm. Contact the church office.

Thought For The Week

'Mary's prayer, the Magnificat, overflows with joy and delight. In spite of her fears for the future, in spite of the sorrows that await her, she is filled with joy and moved to praise God. Her words and her presence gives us hope' ~ Triona Doherty

Normally every year during the month of August, you begin to hear whispers of "back to school". But this August everything has changed. It is last March since the schools closed. It is no longer whispers but long conversations on getting our schools open, getting in place all the safety requirements and it is a busy time getting ready.

On Saturday August 15th we had the feast of the Assumption of Mary and on Friday 21st we had the feast day of Our Lady Of Knock. There will be many prayers directed to Mary asking for guidance, protection, direction and safety during these difficult times.

There is huge devotion to Mary all over the world and she is hugely popular. But it is also fair to say that the greatest disservice we have done to Mary down through the years, is to have put her on a pedestal as if she is far removed from our world and lives. It is our loss if we see her as distant or irrelevant. Mary is especially close to our every experience. She is a truly great friend to have as we journey through life.

Mary is close not just to the good stuff in our lives but especially close to our own struggles, setbacks and disappointments. She experienced many in her life and even during the darkest of moments, she still put her trust in God. Mary's feast day reminds us that we can learn to trust even when all hope seems lost. Her feast day takes on even more significance during this Covid 19 pandemic.

Rev. James McSweeney AP

www.todayismygifttoyou.ie or www.2u.ie



Diocese of Limerick Calling all families with children for first Holy Communion! Our own Fr Chris O'Donnell has teamed up again with Eleanor and Joanna to prepare three video lessons for girls and boys preparing for their First Holy Communion.

This first episode helps them to understand Reconciliation (Confession) and God's incredible love for us...

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/come-to-the-table-of-the-lord-preparing-for-first-holy-communion-episode-1/>



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 Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy and Agnes.

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 Maura/Grace know by E-mail:

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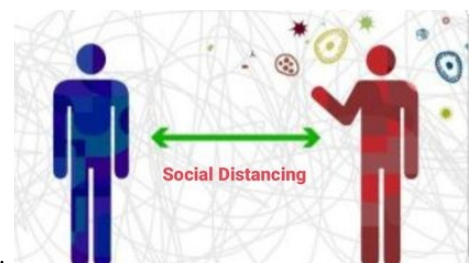
Beirut explosion : **Trócaire** is providing urgent emergency relief to people affected

With your generous support, Trócaire is responding to the urgent needs on the ground in Beirut. Thousands of people have been affected by the devastating explosion. Our local partner is providing emergency supplies to people, providing medical assistance and helping to clear the rubble. As the rubble and debris begin to clear the death toll continues to rise in Beirut.

With your generous support, Trócaire will be able to respond immediately on the ground. We can assist with cleaning up rubble and debris, and are distributing essential supplies to those affected by the blast.

Please consider making a donation online at www.trocaire.org or phoning 1850 408 408 This crisis affects us all. But together we will defeat it.

Thank You.



Coming Together By Staying Apart