

## Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021

The Spirit will guide

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you, he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God.

*'I have always pleaded for a deep listening to the voice of the artist in our midst, and also to the supreme artist who tries to lead us to completion, the Holy Spirit of God.'* (Mark Patrick Hederman)

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### May, the Month of Mary.

Join us for the Rosary online each evening at 7pm in St Nicholas church, from Monday to Friday.  
www.saintnicholasparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv.

## What is PENTECOST?



PENTECOST comes from the Greek word "Pentecoste" meaning 50th day.

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the "BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH".

It marks the day when the HOLY SPIRIT descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

On Pentecost, the HOLY SPIRIT came down visibly on the Apostles. He gave them the power to speak in strange tongues to the crowds that came to Jerusalem for that Feast. He also transformed them, from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.

please  
pray 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, those in hospital.

Please pray especially for Ailish, Frank, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, Muirinn, Orla, Ruby, Carmel, Pat, Michelle, Aoife.

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.

**STEWARDS  
WANTED**

Stewards are needed for weekend masses as we are hoping to set up teams of 4 working on a rota basis. Any body interested can contact Fr. Derek or any steward.



# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost sunday

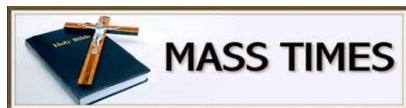


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All masses from 10th May in St Nicholas Church

**WEEKDAY** 9.45am Monday to Friday

**WEEKEND** Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon

**TOILET FACILITIES** Please note that toilet facilities cannot be provided in St Nicholas' Church in order to adhere to strict Covid19 guidelines.



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

[stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

Maura. 086 0429952

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The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page.

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

### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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**PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES:** Tues 2pm-4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.  
**Phone:** 061 341300

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Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

### Important Notice on the Resumption of Public Masses

Numbers will be limited to 50 people per Mass.

The Mass schedule will apply from May 10th to the end of June and will be reviewed for July and August.

Sanitising and face coverings/masks are mandatory for attendance at public Masses.

More information of the governments decision on the resumption of public worship (including funeral and wedding ceremonies) can be accessed on [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie)

Everyone is encouraged to adhere to the safety protocols. We welcome the return to public worship, and please God we won't have to wait too long to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation.

God bless you and your family.

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**

