



# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS:

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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, 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](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)

Phone: 061 341300

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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



## 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](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.

## Newsletter



## ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We are looking for volunteers to help with producing the newsletter.

For more information, contact the parish office.

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the 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/)

## 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.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** The total church contribution for the week ending 9th April amounted to €1400 and for the week ending 16th April 2023 €1235.

The Diocesan collection was €679.70. Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish.

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

**St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council** meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you could email them to:



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



## BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 5pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.

061 341 300 [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are currently looking for some volunteers to take over the running of the CHILDREN'S CHOIR who sing at the 10:30 mass on Sunday and practice one evening a week.

## 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



## Dates for your Diary:

First Confession for the children in preparation for receiving their First Holy Communion will be held in

### St Nicholas Church on

**April 24<sup>th</sup> & April 26<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm on both nights**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Room 12 Ms. Fitzgibbon

Room 13 Mr. McGuire



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Room 11 Ms Kelly

Room 19 Ms.Lindsay



### EASTER DUES ENVELOPES:

The priests of the parish extend their sincere thanks to those who have already returned

### Easter Dues.

The Easter Dues are an important part of the priest's stipend and your generosity is greatly appreciated. We ask that you consider returning a Dues envelope if you have not already done so.

## Here to Help



### Parteen-Meelick

GAA and Camogie Club

are holding

**An information evening**

**On Monday 24th April @ 8pm**

**the Clubhouse Westbury**

With drug/alcohol/gambling addictions on the increase in our communities we want to offer our players from 15 years of age, coaches and parents a chance to be informed on the support services available locally to anyone who needs advice.

We will have speakers from Bushy Park Rehabilitation Centre, an Garda Síochána and the Samaritans

**All Clubs welcome to attend on the night.**

Refreshments and a chat.

**Let's strive to support!**



**The UL Citizens' Assembly** takes place on May 25th 2023

This is an all-day event and will take place in The Engine, Cecil St, Limerick. The intention is to provide an engaging day out, offering an opportunity for Limerick people to get to know UL and UL staff to get out and engage more with Limerick people. Assembly participants may apply via the website above. Please go to the website below for details and to registration.

[www.ulcitizensassembly.ie](http://www.ulcitizensassembly.ie)

Residents of Athlunkard Nursing Home marked the ending of mandatory mask wearing on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, they had a visit from an ice cream van to celebrate.

**The Annual Churchgate Collection for Milford Hospice will take place this weekend - 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April. All support will be greatly appreciated.**

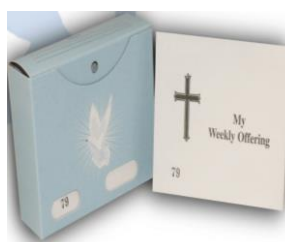
**Calling all young adults! The Diocese of Limerick is taking a group to World Youth Day and we want you to come with us!**

Open to those aged 18-35, spend just over a week with us in Lisbon, as we meet millions of other young Catholics, hear from Pope Francis, and encounter Christ!

Contact us at 061-350000

or [james.connery@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:james.connery@limerickdiocese.org) for more information or to register. Please note places are limited. Bookings close on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES



*Following on from our notice in last week's newsletter, we had several people call to the office and request a box of Offertory Envelopes.*

*By donating to our church using this system, your donation is recorded against your Offertory Envelope number and this acts as a record of your donation. If your annual donation exceeds €250, the Parish can then claim back the tax on your donation from Revenue. This is a great source of additional funding for the Parish.*

*To claim this tax back, a CHY4 form is generated annually by the Parish which you will be asked to sign, it's a very easy process. We kindly ask that you consider contributing using this system. We sincerely thank all who already donate in this way.*



Your Trócaire box can still be returned to the Church and will be forward to Trócaire