



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

22nd & 23rd July 2023

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Parish Office Opening Times



Monday & Thursday
9.30am - 1.30pm
for all church related queries.

If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, the parish office is located in St Nicholas Church (access through the Prayer Chapel)

Email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com
Phone: 061-341300

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

Weekend Mass Times

St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6pm & Sunday 10.30am

St Munchin's College Chapel

Sunday 12 noon

No weekday Mass in St Munchin's College Chapel



Parish Live Streaming of 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 in the area to avail of the weekly newsletter to promote upcoming events.

Please send details to

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the heading

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

St Vincent DE Paul collection is after masses on the first weekend each month

Parish Meditation Group

We will return in September after the summer

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.

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



St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council

meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you can email them to:

PPCStNicholas@gmail.com



BAPTISM

Baptisms are held every

2nd and 4th weekend of the month.

Saturday 5pm St Nicholas Church

Sunday 1pm St Munchin's College

Contact the Parish Office for further details and a booking form.

We are appealing for volunteers to join our Envelope Distribution Team. In particular we need volunteers for the following areas; Corbally Road, Carraig Midhe, Bruachlán, Reston Close and part of Clonard. If you can help or for more information, please call to the sacristy.



We offer our sympathies to the family and loved ones of the recently deceased Francisco De Souza R.I.P.

Mass intentions for this weekend

St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.00pm Pro Populo

Sunday 10.30am Shay Kinsella Anniv

St Munchin's College Chapel

Sunday 12noon Pro Populo

THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY - SUNDAY 23rd JULY 2023

The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."

This is the third year of the newest celebration in the liturgical calendar for us Catholics. Think of how your family might mark this special occasion! As grandparents and grandchildren enjoy their summer holidays, savouring the precious gift of life and love shared together let us come before God giving thanks with a small gesture of faith, hope and love.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.

"To better appreciate God's way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works."

-Pope Francis

Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023



www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren.

- Pope Francis



Message of the Holy Father

Dear brothers and sisters!

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the *Magnificat*, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day.. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me." *Francis*