

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

2nd Sunday of Easter

'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace?

Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What positive part have doubting and questioning played in your life? How have such moments helped you to know that your life is worthwhile? How have questions and doubts strengthened your faith?

Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He accepted how he felt and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?

'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. During the recent pandemic there were times when one wondered if we would ever see the end of it. Where did you find hope as the pandemic continued month after month?

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### COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Thank you to everyone who helped at the community clean up on Good Friday. By caring for our environment we care for each other.

### FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Redemptorist Church  
Mount St Alphonsus, South Circular Road, Limerick

Devotions: 2.30pm to 5.45pm  
Including Mass at 4.45pm  
Celebrant: Fr John Walsh PP

### THE LIGHTER SIDE



What kind of a tree can fit into your hand?  
A Palm tree!

Why did the gardener plant light bulbs?

Because he wanted to grow a power plant!

Apparently it's good to talk to your plants. I tried to teach my plants maths, but they ended up with Square Roots.



# Trocaire

Your Trocaire boxes and donations can be returned at weekend masses or to the Parish Office during opening hours. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

### 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 it if you enjoy great music and company!

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](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)





# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 24th April  
2nd Sunday of Easter



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**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.

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## 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](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 or Grace. 086 8296193

**FACEBOOK** [www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://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 weekend ending 17th April were €1271



Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

-Martin Luther



We pray for the Children of the parish in 2nd class as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in May. These will take place at 10.30am Sunday masses 8th, 15th and 22nd May