

# NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



## St Nicholas Parish

Mass Time  
Sunday 10.00am

### Parish Live Streaming of Masses

from St Nicholas Church; log onto

<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

or via the parish website; [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie)

## St Mary's Parish



Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am

Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am

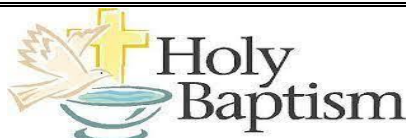
### Parish Live Streaming of Masses

from St Mary's Church; log onto

<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Year of Hope*

**Clergy Contact** Fr Richie Davern 0872977500  
**Salesian Sisters** 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the last Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month at 4pm

*Contact the Parish Office for more information and a Baptism Enrolment form.*



### St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm

Email: [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)

Phone: 061-341300

### St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm

Email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)

Phone: 061-416300

You can contact the office if you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church. With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are also available from the Parish Office

### PARISH FACEBOOK:

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

[www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick](https://www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick)

## Parish News

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events. To include your notice, please send details for both parishes to [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com) with NEWSLETTER in the heading

**Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon.**  
**Items received after this time will not be included**

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



*We offer our condolences to the family of*  
*Shay Bedford R.I.P.*  
*Marie Cleary R.I.P.*  
*Mark Woodland R.I.P.*  
*May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

### Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

#### Saturday 5.00pm

Marie Cleary (M.M.)

Teresa Duffy (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv), granddaughter Tracey (B. Remb)

Eileen Whelan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

Chrissie Cosgrove (Anniv)

Michael Ryan (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

John & Joe Sheahan (B. Remb)

#### Sunday 11.30am

John Hennessy (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Frank Howard (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv) & deceased family members

Michael McNamara (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Jayne Barrett (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Mary & Gerry Tomany (Anniv)

Johnny Ryan (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Paddy & Bernie Tracey (Anniv)



*We offer our condolences to the family of*  
*Eamonn Harvey R.I.P.*  
*May he rest in eternal peace, Amen*

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

#### Sunday 10.00am

Kathleen Moloney (Anniv)

Pat O'Connor (Anniv)

Tom & Catherine O'Connor (Remembrance)

### 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.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed 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.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council  
 St Nicholas Parish Pastoral council email: [PPCStNicholas@gmail.com](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)  
 St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)



The collection for last weekend amounted to:  
 €1095 in St Mary's Church  
 (this figure includes donations to Shrines)  
 €570 in St Nicholas Church, also  
 €171.86 Diocesan Needs donations

**We are very thankful for your continued generosity, and grateful for your loyalty and support.**

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

**Making a donation to the church by bank transfer**

**St Mary's Church Account**

IBAN: IE11 AIBK 9352 4794 4621 73 BIC: AIBKIE2D

**St Nicholas Church Account**

IBAN: IE84 BOFI 9045 9525 8744 17 BIC: BOFIE2D

**St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group**

"...Let us go to a quiet place and rest a while ...."

Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45am in St. Nicholas' prayer chapel.

Everyone is welcome.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**St Mary's Church**

**Wednesday 10.30am-11.30am  
 (after Mass)**

**St. Nicholas Flame of Love Cenacle**

Tuesday 7.00-8.30pm St Nicholas Prayer Chapel  
 New members welcome, under 18's cannot be facilitated until further notice. For more information; [www.flameoflove.ie](http://www.flameoflove.ie) or call Rachel 0857536504.



Congratulations once again to the children who received their First Holy Communion during the last two weeks.

Special word of Thanks to all who gave freely of their time to prepare the churches for each ceremony, your help is very much appreciated.

National Sunflower Days that will be taking place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025, with funds raised from the event in aid of Milford Hospice. The income received from fundraising events such as Sunflower Days assist Milford Hospice in expanding and continuing to provide the highest quality of care for patients and families throughout the Midwest Region.  
 Should you have any questions or queries, or if people would like to help on Sunflower Days, please contact the Fundraising Department on 061 485859.

## **Relics of Saints Margaret Mary Alacoque and Saint Claude la Colombiere**

The three-hundred-year-old relics of Saints Margaret Mary Alacoque and Saint Claude la Colombiere will be in Limerick for a week. Veneration of the relics began with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Brendan Leahy on Friday evening (May 23<sup>rd</sup>) in St. John's Cathedral at 7 pm. Veneration of the relics will take place on  
 Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm - 6.00pm (Mass at 6.00pm);  
 Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11.15am - 12.00 (Mass at Noon);  
 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 4.45pm - 5.45pm (Mass at 5.45pm);  
 Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 4.45pm - 5.45pm (Mass at 5.45pm);  
 Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 4.45pm - 5.45pm (Mass at 5.45pm).

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) is the woman whose Sacred Heart visions appear in stained glass, statues and paintings many churches throughout Ireland.

St Claude la Colombiere (1641-1682) was the Jesuit friend and spiritual advisor to Margaret Mary.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart spread greatly through them. Nearly every house in Ireland at one point had the image of the Sacred Heart. It expressed the loving heart of God for everyone.



**Irish Blood Transfusion Service**

The IBTS is seeking an additional 2,000 blood donations over the next 4 weeks to maintain the national blood supply as some blood groups have fallen to under 3 days of stock. "We are asking regular donors to make an extra effort to attend their nearest clinic (appointments available online). We would particularly encourage new donors of African heritage to join the National blood donor panel to help us diversify the donor base and get better blood type matches for patients." We encourage anybody interested in giving blood to visit <https://www.giveblood.ie/become-a-donor/> to check their eligibility before coming to a clinic and call us on 1800 731137 to make an appointment.

**Donor Clinic - Castletroy Park Hotel**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

4.20pm – 7.40pm

**Grow**

**Grow Mental Health-** Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education and self-teaching. Meetings in 33 Henry Street, Limerick and Croom.  
 Contact Celia 086-1526966 or Danielle 086-1588626 or [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)