

NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



St Nicholas Parish

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm 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



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 23rd & Sunday 24th March 2024

Clergy Contacts

Fr Richie Davern 0872977500

Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4th Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd weekend in the month; Saturday 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
Phone: 061-341300

St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm
Email: 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 available from the Parish Office

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/
www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events

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Please send details for both parishes to saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the heading

Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon. Items received after this time unfortunately cannot be included

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may e found at www.birthinginfo.ie or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Pro Populo

Sunday 10.00am

Jeremiah & Margaret Ryan (Anniv)

John Ryan (40th Anniv) & wife Angela (44th Anniv)



*We offer our condolences to the families of
Edward King R.I.P.
Ann Doherty R.I.P.
Bridget 'Bridie' Ashton R.I.P.
Mary Madden R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen*

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Jim Jackman (8th Anniv)

Mary Moloney (1st Anniv) & son Martin (2nd Anniv)

Elizabeth & Timothy Sheehan (Birthday remem)

Sunday 11.30am

Bernie Guerin (2nd Anniv)

Marua & Paddy Power (Anniv)

Joseph 'Joe' Kelly (3rd Anniv)

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 in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already
come, I embrace You and unite
myself entirely 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
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email: stmarysparishlk@outlook.com



The total collection for weekend 16th & 17th March amounted to
 €1292 in St Nicholas Church (this includes Diocesan Needs)
 €2283 in St Mary's Church (this includes donations to Shrines and Diocesan Needs)

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

St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group
 "Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"
 Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45 in St. Nicholas Prayer Chapel.
 Everybody is welcome. All you need do is "turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"...

First Confession Ceremony

We will celebrate First Confession in St Munchins College Chapel on Monday April 15th at 11.30am with the children making their First Holy Communion.

This will be weather permitting, given that the children will walk from Scoil Íde.



First Holy Communion

Thank you to the 11 families who have contributed the €50 donation to offset costs associated with the First Holy Communion ceremony; cost of the booklet, which will have full text of the First Holy Communion Mass. We are printing booklets for the children and families to make it easier for all to follow the mass and to respond. There is a cost for decorating the sanctuary with flowers for this special celebration. We have also arranged a singer and organist for each of the three masses. We sincerely thank the families who have already made €50 donation, The remaining families can put their donation in the envelope that was provided (or any envelope) and either give it to Fr Richie or put it in the Parish Office post box - located on the front of the bungalow on the ground of St Nicholas Church. Please remember to mark your name and your child's class name on the envelope. Thanking you for your support.

Preparations to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the laying out of Athlunkard Street (1824).

April 19th Book launch. This informative book will detail the history of Athlunkard Street
 April 25th Celebratory Concert in St Mary's Church
 April 28th Commemoration Mass, details later
 Families with connections to the street are invited to become part of the celebrations by becoming patrons, (€100) thus helping to defray expenses. They will be acknowledged in book (going to print at the end of month). They can subscribe through the Credit Union IBAN IE86MPSCU99214510678982
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IRISH EPISCOPAL COUNCIL FOR EMIGRANTS

This weekend we will hold the annual collection for Emigrants. Since 1957, the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) has been responding to the needs of Irish emigrants around the world. Funding raised through this collection allows IECE to offer essential support to those organisations providing pastoral, practical outreach to the most marginalised and vulnerable groups of Irish people, many of whom are living lives of quiet desperation. **Thank you for your donation**

Cross of Suffering Holy Week 2024



We all carry crosses of one kind or another. If you know someone who is suffering in any way - physically, mentally, emotionally, we invite you to write their initials on a tag (see box at base of cross) and place it in the closed box. These will be placed on the cross and the people prayed for during Holy Week, uniting their sufferings to that of Jesus as we reflect on his carrying of the Cross to Calvary. The tags will be burnt in the Easter fire.

Easter Ceremonies in St Mary's Church

Holy Thursday, 28th March

7.30p.m. Mass of the Last Supper, followed by Adoration until 9.00p.m.

Good Friday, 29th March

3.00p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, 30th March.

9.00p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 31st March

6.00a.m. Easter Dawn Mass at

Athlunkard Boat Club

11.30a.m. Mass of the Resurrection

St. Mary's Senior Choir will sing at all the Easter ceremonies

All ceremonies celebrated in St Mary's Church will be streamed live. To view log onto www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch

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Chrism Mass 2024 - St. John's Cathedral

Bishop Brendan Leahy invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday, 27th March at 7.30pm in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick. This is an important Diocesan celebration and all are cordially invited to attend. During the Mass, Bishop Brendan will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry.