

St Nicholas Parish Newsletter Sunday 24th September 2023

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Mass Schedule

St Nicholas Church
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
(Tracey Costello singing)
Sunday 10.00am
(St. Munchin's College Chapel Choir)

St Mary's Church
Saturday Vigil 5.00p.m.
(Folk Choir)
Sunday 11.30am
(St. Mary's Choir and Organist)

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 at <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



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 2nd & 4th Saturday in the month.

Baptism are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.
Contact the Parish Office for an enrolment form.

St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm
Email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com
Phone: 061-341300
If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church, the parish office is located in St Nicholas Church (access through the Prayer Chapel).
With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office.

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

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 NEWS

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" ...

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



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.

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

The total contribution for the week ending 18th September amounted to €985.00
Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish. Your donation is very much appreciated.



*We offer our condolences to the family of Michael Ahern R.I.P.
May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace*

Mass Intentions this weekend

Saturday 6.30pm	John Fitzpatrick M.M. Patricia Frawley Anniv Nora Mangan Anniv Margaret & Christopher Sheehan Anniv
Sunday 10.00am	Pro Populo



Sincere thanks to all who returned an Autumn Dues Envelope, which goes toward your priests salaries. Envelopes are also available at the exit doors.

If you would like to make a donation to the Dues Account electronically, the bank details are as follows: (we would kindly ask that you enter your name in 'additional information section' to enable the priests to acknowledge your donation)

Account:: St Nicholas Curate A/C
IBAN: IE65 BOFI 9045 7978 861820
BIC: BOFIE2D

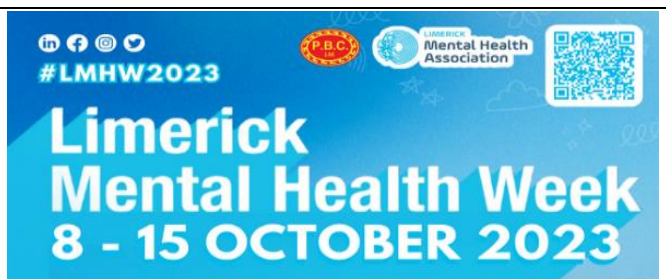
Weekly Envelope for St Nicholas

If you put your St Nicholas church Weekly Envelope in the basket in St Mary's Church, please be reassured that your envelope will be returned to St Nicholas Church, and vice versa

The new boxes of envelopes will run to the end of December 2024, so that we can align with the Jan to Dec Financial Year.

By donating in this way, and if you contribute in excess of €250 per year, St Nicholas Church can reclaim the tax on your yearly total contribution, which is an additional benefit.

Sincere thanks to all who already donate using this system and sincere thanks to all who donate by direct debit. If you require any further information, please contact the Parish Office.



It's that wonderful time of year again!

Limerick Mental Health Week (LMHW) is back, and we are thrilled to announce the dates for this inspiring event, which will take place from the **8th to the 15th of October 2023**. With the unwavering support of our community's vital services and agencies, this year's LMHW promises to be **even bigger and better than before**.

We are excited to announce our opening flagship event, a **Community Wellness and Multi-Cultural Day, taking place at the iconic Milk Market from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**. This event is designed to kick start #LMHW2023 with a burst of positivity and celebration.

For more information and full itinerary of events, log onto

limerickmentalhealth.ie/limerick-mental-health-week-2023



World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Each year, the last Sunday of September is designated as a day to remember migrants and refugees. This year, for the 109th World Day of Migrants & Refugees on 24th September, Pope Francis has issued a message from which we have taken the following extracts:

“The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt was not the result of a free decision, nor were many of the migrations that marked the history of the people of Israel. The decision to migrate should always be free, yet in many cases, even in our day, it is not. Conflicts, natural disasters, or more simply the impossibility of living a dignified and prosperous life in one's native land, is forcing millions of persons to leave.” “Persecutions, wars, atmospheric phenomena, and dire poverty are among the most visible causes of forced migrations today. Migrants flee because of poverty, fear or desperation. Eliminating these causes and thus putting an end to forced migration calls for shared commitment on the part of all, in accordance with the responsibilities of each.” “This commitment begins with asking what we can do, but also what we need to stop doing. We need to make every effort to halt the arms race, economic colonialism, the plundering of other people's resources and the devastation of our common home.” “Joint efforts are needed by individual countries and the international community to ensure that all enjoy the right not to be forced to emigrate, in other words, the chance to live in peace and with dignity in one's own country.” “In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone.”

[The full text of the Pope's Message may be found at www.vatican.va, the website of the Holy See.]

The Diocesan Needs Collection this weekend. Money raised from this collection is forwarded to the Diocesan Office and used to fund central support services to parishes of our Diocese. Thank you to all who support this collection.

In October we will celebrate a Sunday Mass for Fr John O'Byrne, to acknowledge his ministry to our Parish, and afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall and an opportunity to pass on your good wishes to Fr John. If anyone would like to make a gift to Fr John, please mark his name on it and either put it in the basket or hand it into the Sacristy.