



# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

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## OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

Monday and Thursday 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.

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

Phone: 061 341300

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 5pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 9.45am St Munchin's College Chapel.

## 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 are still looking for volunteers to help with producing the newsletter. For more information, contact Grace



We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, fundraisers, share good news, etc. please send details to [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

Grace. 086 8296193

## PARISH MEDITATION GROUP

"Be still and know...." Our meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10,30 in St. Nicholas' church prayer chapel. Everyone is welcome, especially those new to meditation. All you have to do is turn up "close your eyes and get out of Gods way".

## PLEASE PRAY 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, those in hospital.

Please pray especially for Michael, William, Méabh, Eamon, John, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Liam, 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.

FACEBOOK for regular updates

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

## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH CLEANING

Our next gathering to clean will be Monday 27th March 7pm to 8pm. A huge thank you to all who have turned on other weeks to clean the church.

Your help is very much appreciated.



St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you could email them to:

[PPCStNicholas@gmail.com](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** The total church contribution for the week ending 19th March was € 1080.00 . Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish.

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

## 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



# Trocaire

www.trocaire.org to donate online



### CROSS OF SUFFERING

This lent we are creating a cross of Suffering as a reminder that as a parish we stand beside and pray for each other in our struggles.

If you would like to have someone prayed for, please write their first name on the card provided beside the cross in St. Nicholas' church and place in the box. (Cards will also be available in St. Munchin's college chapel). These cards will then be placed on the Cross of Suffering. They will be burned in the Easter fire.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are currently looking for some volunteers to take over the running of the CHILDREN'S CHOIR who sing at the 10:30 mass on Sunday and practice one evening a week.



### Dates for your Diary:

- 25 March:** Scoil Ide Confirmation Day, St Marys church
- 7 April:** Good Friday  
Team Limerick community cleanup
- 8 April:** Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
- 9 April:** Easter Sunday



SVP St Nicholas Conference are included in current round of the Tesco Ireland Community Fund in Shannon Banks

Store. If you're shopping in this store over the next few weeks, we'd really appreciate if you'd vote for us using your blue token. All donations stay local. Thank you.



Both existing and new donors are welcome.

The IBTS needs to collect 3,000 units of blood every week to maintain the national blood supply. The issue with blood is that no one knows who will need it, when they will need it, how much they may need, or what type they require.

- Castletroy Park Hotel
- Monday 27th March 15:15 - 18:30
- Tuesday 28th march 16:15 - 19:30

Please call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment



## Holy Week

### WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL

St John's Cathedral 7.30pm Chrism Mass

### HOLY THURSDAY 8 April

St Nicholas Church

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, ( followed by adoration until 9pm)

### GOOD FRIDAY 9 April

St Nicholas Church

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
8.00pm Prayer around the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY 10 April

St Nicholas Church

8.30pm Solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY 11 April

6.30am Dawn Mass, Athlunkard Boat Club  
10.30am Mass of the Resurrection, St Nicholas  
12 noon Mass of the Resurrection, St Munchin's

### A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

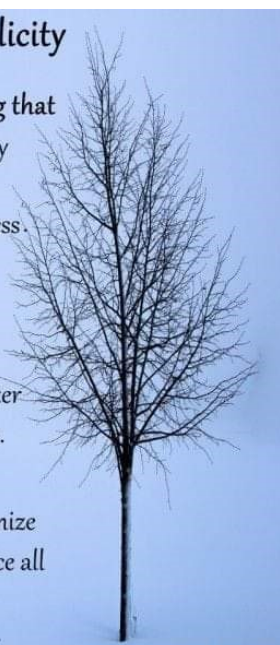
Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heary with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



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