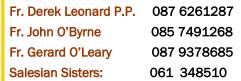


St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 27th December 2020 Feast of the Holy Family





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Prayer for when you

receive communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy 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 NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local GOOD NEWS stories or messages you want to

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: Stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com



With public masses suspended for the time being, we will

continue to celebrate masses daily on our Parish webcam from St Nicholas church.

To view, click www.saintnicholasparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv

Our weekend online masses will be Saturday 6pm, Sunday

10:30 and 12 noon.

Daily mass: 9:45am Monday to Friday



Feast of the Holy Family

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boy-hood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to

Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy

accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of

the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instil into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted

attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

- Excerpted from With Christ Through the Year, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.



Trocaire thanks you all for your amazing support this year without which Trocaire would not have been able to help some of the most vulnerable individuals, families and communities in the world's poorest countries.

Trocaire wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. May you receive every blessing in 2015.



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Parish Office Opening

hours Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house. Phone: 061-341300



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1.00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

Remembering those who are Sick



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for John, Brian, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn and Orla.

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.

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let Maura/Grace know by E-mail: stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



I hope,

The light at tunnels end is not imagination.
That wearied, mask trapped, faces feel its glow.
To meet and clasp the outstretched hand that
greets me.

Exchange a smile with those I love and know.
The pain and heartache brought by isolation,
Will fade like fog before the rising sun.
That children, can once again be children
Who hug, play, spit, dance and run.
Those desperate, trying to keep themselves from
drowning,

receive the helping hand they so deserve.
That every caring soul upon this island,
respect the courage of the ones who served.
When this crisis ends, we will be wiser.
See novelty in what was once the norm.
End our love affair with 'have or have not'.
Let the light at tunnels end be our new dawn.

Mary O'Farrell, Westbury

Extract from Bishop Brendan Leahy's Christmas Message, Advent 2020

It is in the family that we learn to share, that we learn to have patience with others. It is in the family that we learn to work together, play together and pray together. It is in the family we learn how to take care of the sick, look out for one another and comfort and help each other in times of trouble. If we look at all of this with the eyes of faith, we can see that all of this is Church, the living Church, the everyday Church, the Jesus-Church that continues Jesus' mission in the world. This is a simple but I believe important thought I wanted to share with you as we approach Christmas.

Let's entrust our families to Mary, Mother of Hope and the Un-tier of knots, that she may help us open our eyes even more to the wonder that is the family, the living domestic church with Jesus living among us.

Every blessing for Christmas!

Brendan Leahy Bishop of Limerick

New Year Wishes

This New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, never in want.

- · May this New Year bring newly found prosperity, love, happiness and delight in your life.
- · · May the dawning of this New Year, fill your heart with new hopes, open up new horizons and bring

for you

promises of brighter tomorrows.

· As the new year blossoms, may the journey of your life be fragrant with new opportunities, your days be bright with new hopes and your heart be happy with love!

