



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Web Edition

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Feast of the Holy Family



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Every Sunday Holy Mass Online

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



Prayer for when you can't 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.

Family Prayer

God be with our family,
From the youngest to the oldest,
Lighting up our relationships,
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,
Weaving love into our work,
Our rest, and our play.

Amen.

Feast of the Holy Family

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood 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.



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 share.

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

E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com



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



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: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



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 Untier 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

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

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!



Happy
NEW YEAR