



**THE DEEP END  
TRANSFIGURATION**

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from spiritual practice. These are special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These moments move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration.

In the Gospel today, Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an experience of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. These moments of Transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths, sustaining us on the way.

*'The Lord is more constant and far more extravagant than it seems to imply. Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?' (Marilynne Robinson)*

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**Trocaire**

This lent Trocaire boxes can be collected from St Nicholas Parish church each day during opening hours for private prayer, 9am to 3pm.

This Lent I can give up:



For the Thursday evenings of Lent there will be a short Reflection via the webcam from St. Nicholas' church at 7.00p.m.

The dates for these are: March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. We would love if you could join us.

**IT'S NOT JUST THAT WAR HAS TAKEN NEARLY EVERYTHING FROM THEM...**

To flee brutal armed conflict in South Sudan, Awut gathered her beloved family. They ran for their lives. Days passed without food or water. By the time they reached safety, they'd lost nearly everything. Then Awut met another weary mother with even less. Awut welcomed Ajak and her children! Together the two mothers have forged a friendship and work tirelessly to make sure their families aren't lost completely. But they are caught in poverty. Covid lingers, and the awful violence continues. Awut and Ajak are living in fear and *it's not just*.

**Please help families hurt by conflict to survive and thrive. Please, give this Lent.**

*South Sudan*

**Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give me a new and expanded vision for my life. Help me to live full of faith. Teach me to find hope in the face of adversity.**



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 Ailish, Frank, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, Lilia, Muirinn, Orla, Ruby, Carmel, Pat, Michelle.

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.



# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

## Sunday 28th February 2021

### 2nd Sunday of Lent



Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



All public masses are online from St Nicholas Church.

St Nicholas Church is open daily from 9am to 3pm for private prayers.

**WEEKDAY** 9.45am Monday to Friday

**WEEKEND** Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon

**TOILET FACILITIES** Please note that toilet facilities cannot be provided in St Nicholas' Church in order to adhere to strict Covid19 guidelines.

**PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING** 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 encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

*Newsletter* [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)



Maura. 086 0429952

Grace. 086 8296193

The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page.

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



#### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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**Community call**, Limerick City and County :

Phone: 1800 852 389 or

email: [covidsupport@limerick.ie](mailto:covidsupport@limerick.ie)

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES:** Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.  
**Phone:** 061 341300

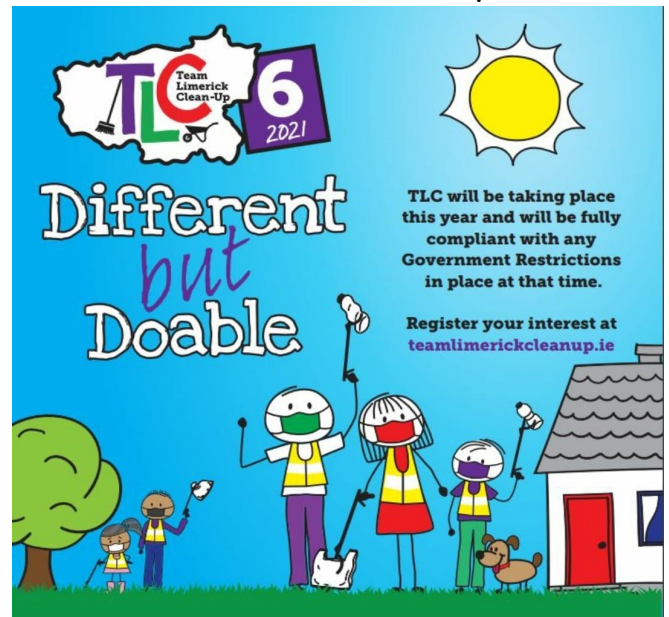
**email:** [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)



Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

#### Community Cleanup. Good Friday, 2nd April

This year only registrations from Family bubbles are accepted, to register, follow the instructions at [www.teamlimerickcleanup.ie](http://www.teamlimerickcleanup.ie)



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 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.

SPIRITUAL ACT OF COMMUNION

