



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 28th November 2021
First Sunday of Advent



Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287
Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268
Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685
Salesian Sisters: 061 348510

Parish Website: www.saintnicholasparish.ie

Office Tel: 061-341300

Office email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

Newsletter email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Webcam: <https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

Facebook: @stnicholasparish



Mass Times

WEEKDAY 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, St Munchin's College Chapel
All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

WEEKEND Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, St Nicholas' Church 12 noon, St Munchin's College Chapel



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.*



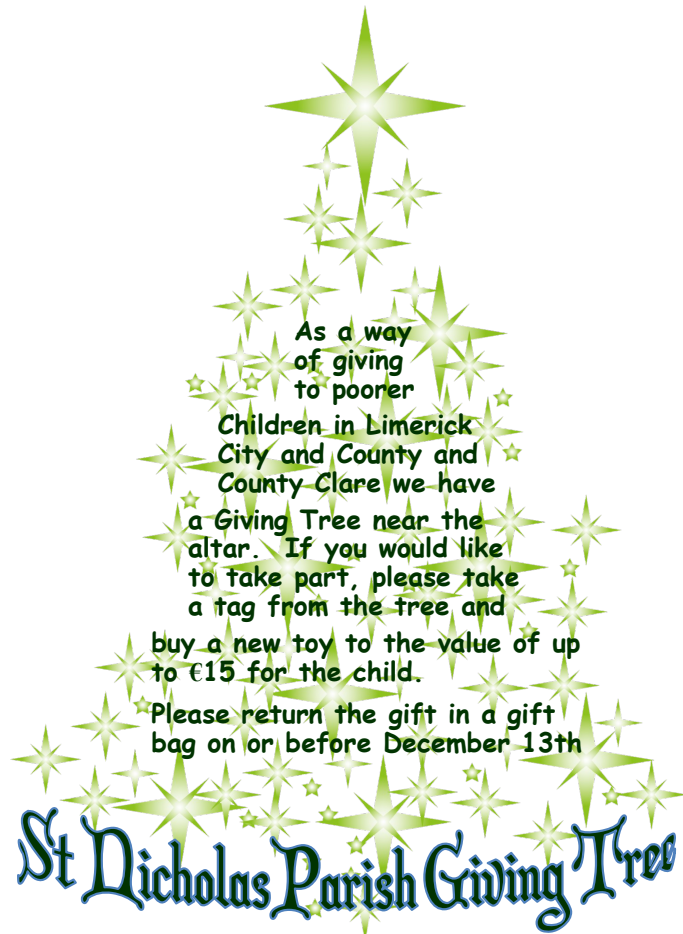
PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



Our parish Posada begins its journey around St. Nicholas' parish this week. The nativity set of Mary and Joseph will be welcomed to homes in Westbury, Irish Estates, Shannon Banks and Corbally Road.

We remember and pray for all families during this Advent season, especially those who are homeless.



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 Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dymrna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Michael and Ralph.

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



Noel Baragry, our Parish representative for Trócaire, will be talking to you at Masses on the weekend of 4/5 December. He will be talking to you about the work of Trócaire and about how you can help.

Om's true story ...

Om Watfa is a mother of three who knows the dreaded boom of bombs and missiles all too well. In May of this year, a rocket assault claimed two dozen lives in al-Shati, the refugee camp where she and her family are struggling to make a life in Gaza.

At the age of just 24, Om's eyes have seen enough heartbreak and tragedy to last a hundred lifetimes. If not for help like the kind you can give to her and to so many others who suffer around the world this Christmas, Om's youngest son Ahmed would not be here.

He was slipping further away every day. In desperation, Om watched as severe malnutrition gripped Ahmed's body. There was never enough food, never enough clean water.

So, it was with thanks in her heart when Om learned that a local Trócaire partner in Gaza, Caritas Jerusalem, could help her precious Ahmed. Now, today, Ahmed is a healthier three-year-old, and on the road to recovery.

It was love like yours that helped save Ahmed, and love like yours this Christmas that can help another mother like Om have somewhere to turn. We can't ease their suffering, but this Christmas, together, we can bring real relief.

**For resilience. For hope. For love.
Please, send your Christmas donation today.**

You can give the gift of love this Christmas which benefits so many like Om or make a donation on www.trocaire.org or telephone 1850 408 408

Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 X63 T. 01 629 3333 E. info@trocaire.org



Prayers for the dead will take place in Mt St Oliver cemetery this Sunday at 3pm.

A prayer for Om at Christmas, Who is caught in a war-weary land

Until the last bomb falls
Until the barbed wire and concrete crumble
Until your children never again know hunger
Until laughter replaces their tears
Until you no longer have to hide away your fears
I will be here, to help you.

Until the sounds of war can fade into the past
Until the wounds war causes begin to heal at last
Until the last bomb falls
Until your heart doesn't ache from breaking
Until land isn't there for the taking
I will be here, to help you.

Until poverty isn't used as a weapon
Until a light for all humanity can shine
Until there is peace
Until there is love
Until the last bomb falls, and beyond:
This is not the end of your story.
And I will be here, beside you.



When things feel too overwhelming remember:

- One day at a time
- One task at a time
- One thought at a time
- One moment at a time

@Sketches in Stillness

©angels

2021