



## ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 29 January 2023

4th Sunday Ordinary time

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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

### 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 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

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



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 Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Shane, Anna, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Ruby, 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.

### 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.

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



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 collection last weekend came to € 955 . Many thanks for your loyalty and support to the parish.

### 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

**Prayer to Saint John Bosco patron of youth  
Feast: 31 January**

Friend of the young,  
Teacher in the ways of God,  
Your dedication to empowering the needy  
inspires us still.

Help me to work for a better world,  
where the young are given the chance to flourish,  
where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and  
where God's compassion is shown to be real.

Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you  
and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.  
Saint John Bosco,  
Pray for us!

**SUNDAY READER** needed for one  
Sunday per month at 12noon mass in  
St Munchin's College Chapel. If you  
can volunteer please contact Fr Richie



**DEFIBRILLATOR VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering to  
train in the use of a defibrillator.

**NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS**

We are also looking for a volunteer for  
to help with producing the newsletter.  
If you want to find out more, you can  
contact Grace at 0868296193. Your  
help would be greatly appreciated.



**CLEANING GROUP** for  
St Nicholas Church.

We are looking for people to come to St.  
Nicholas' church weekly on Mondays  
(starting this Monday evening) from 7pm  
to 8pm to clean the church.

If you would like to help,  
please just turn up.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Ash Wednesday** is February 22nd.  
Mass in St Munchin;s College Chapel  
9.45 am  
and at 7.00 pm in St. Nicholas Church.



**LENTEN PROGRAM**

On the 4 Mondays of March a Lenten Program will be  
offered by Sharon Collopy, a resident in Westbury who  
has recently completed a two year Pastoral Leadership  
Course in the diocese. The evenings will be offered in the  
Diocesan Centre, details later. We thank Sharon for her  
generous offer to do this.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 1 February, St Brigid's day  
Thursday 2 February, Presentation of The Lord.  
Blessing of Candles (Candlemas)  
Friday 3rd February, St Blaise. Blessing of throats

**PARISH MEDITATION GROUP**



This group meets in St. Nicholas' church parish  
center every Tuesday morning at 10,30.

Everybody, especially those new to meditation  
or who would like to try it, is welcome. Come  
along for 20 minutes of sacred stillness.

"Be still and you will know"

**Slainte care Healthy Communities Team**

The first 'We Can Quit' stop smoking group of 2023 will  
take place in;

**Venue:**

St Mary's National School, Bishop Street, Limerick.

**Date:**

Each Wednesday from the 1st of February to the 5th of  
April 2023

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Participants can avail of free Nicotine Replacement  
Therapy such as gums, patches, lozenges, etc. to help  
them Quit.

**FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM  
GALILEE TO JERUSALEM**

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, 29th  
August-8th Sept. 2023.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director,  
Fr. John Newman (Scripture Scholar). In association  
with Premier Travel, Cork

Contact Mícheál at 086-8337681 or  
email [info@carpediemtours.ie](mailto:info@carpediemtours.ie)

(See also our website: [www.carpediemtours.ie](http://www.carpediemtours.ie))



The monthly parish St Vincent  
de Paul collection will take place  
next weekend, 4 and 5 February,  
at all masses



TIME TO BE GRATEFUL