



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Web Edition  
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1st Sunday of Advent



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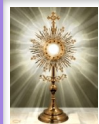
## Every Sunday Holy Mass Online

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](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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.*



You are invited to join us by webcam from St Nicholas' Church for a short Advent Reflection on Thursdays, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm as we prepare for Christmas.

Would You like your family to be part of our Parish Posadas this year?

Posadas (Spanish for inns) is an advent tradition revolving around the concept of hospitality. During Advent a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel on a roster basis around our parish visiting a different home every night.

If you would like to welcome Mary and Joseph to your home, you can sign up for any date between Sunday, November 29th and December 23rd.



Please ring or text Maura at 0879576148 or Fr Derek at 0876261287 to arrange.

By signing up for Posadas, you are agreeing to sharing your contact details with the person before and after you on the rota.



### 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](mailto:Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

### Children's Newsletter



Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about next Sunday's Gospel. We have our Saint of the Week, Video of the week as well as a picture to colour!

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/childrens-newsletter101/>



## 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.



### 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 and Dymrna

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](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

### Today is my Gift to You

We all know how racing pigeons can find their way home. When left off they don't fly straight in the direction they're supposed to go. Instead they will circle many times as they find their bearings and then they set off. It's called the homing instinct.

We too have that within us. It takes the form of an inner restlessness and discontent. This is to be seen as a blessing. Just as the homing instinct of a racing pigeon doesn't protect them in their struggle with wind and rain, so it is with us. Our faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life but it does give us our bearings. Our prayer for you today is praying that your faith does give you bearings during this difficult time of Covid 19. Without our faith we would be lost and with it we at least know where we are going.



Fr. James McSweeney  
Millstreet, Cork  
<http://www.2u.ie/>



### St Nicholas Parish Giving Tree

As a way of giving to poorer children in Limerick city and County and County Clare, the St. Nicholas Parish Giving Tree is in in the church near the altar. It has a number of tags decorating it.

Each tag lists a person and an age group e.g "Girl age 4".

We ask people to take a tag and to spend up to €15 on each child.

St Nicholas church is open from 9am to 3pm daily.

If You would like to take part, please take a tag from the tree and buy a new gift for the child.

Please return the gift on or before December 13th.

If it is difficult for You to call to the church, You can be allocated a tag by phoning our Parish office during Office hours at 061341300 or Fr Derek at 0876261287.

Many thanks for your generosity.



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- The e-card will be emailed to your chosen recipient immediately or at a time you schedule. You will be able to enter a personal greeting in the e-card, and send it to anyone you choose - a friend, family member or client.

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