



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

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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

Phone: 061 341300

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.

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 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 are still looking for volunteers to help with producing the newsletter. For more information, contact Grace



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

Grace. 086 8296193

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP

"Be still and know...." Our meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10,30 in St. Nicholas' church prayer chapel. Everyone is welcome, especially those new to meditation. All you have to do is turn up "close your eyes and get out of Gods way".

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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 Michael, William, Méabh, Eamon, John, 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.

FACEBOOK for regular updates

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH CLEANING

Our next gathering will be 3 April.

7pm to 8pm. A huge thank you to all who have turned on other weeks to clean the church.

Your help is very much appreciated.



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL collection is after masses on the first weekend each month

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





CROSS OF SUFFERING

This lent we are creating a cross of Suffering as a reminder that as a parish we stand beside and pray for each other in our struggles.

If you would like to have someone prayed for, please write their first name on the card provided beside the cross in St. Nicholas' church and place in the box. (Cards will also be available in St. Munchin's college chapel). These cards will then be placed on the Cross of Suffering. They will be burned in the Easter fire.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR We are currently looking for some volunteers to take over the running of the CHILDREN'S CHOIR who sing at the 10:30 mass on Sunday and practice one evening a week.

Dates for your Diary:

- 7 April: Team Limerick community cleanup
- 9 April: Easter Sunday, Cathedraticum Collection
- 16 April: Divine mercy Sunday
- 30 April: Student's Collection, Vocation Sunday
- 3rd Sunday every month: Diocesan Needs collection



PRIESTS' INCOME:

- Payment of Priests Salaries explained.
- Each of the three priests receive a salary of €29,508 pa.
- That is a total of €88,524 annually.
- Our living expenses, cars and their running costs and our health insurance are paid by ourselves from this salary.
- 50% of this is paid by St. Mary's and 50% by St. Nicholas.
- Thus, the amount needed to be raised by St. Mary's is €44,262.
- This money is raised by the DUES collection which is taken up 3 times a year. Christmas, Easter and Autumn.

St. Nicholas

YEAR	NEEDED	COLLECTED	SHORT
2018	41,130	32,226	8,904
2019	44,262	25,603	18,659
2020	44,262	27,515	28,154
2021	44,262	40,334	3,576
2022	44,262	27,515	15,715
	218,178	153,193	64,985

When combined with the Dues income from St. Mary's we are only meeting half the salaries needed. That means we cannot pay even two priests, never mind three. So, I just wanted to put the facts before you.

Fr Richie



Holy Week

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL

St John's Cathedral 7.30pm Chrism Mass

HOLY THURSDAY 8 April

St Nicholas Church

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper,
(followed by adoration until 9pm)

GOOD FRIDAY 9 April

St Nicholas Church

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
8.00pm Prayer around the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 10 April

St Nicholas Church

8.30pm Solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil

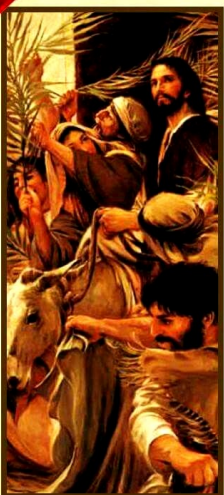
EASTER SUNDAY 11 April

6.00am Dawn Mass, **Athlunkard Boat Club**

The Dawn Mass will be at 6.00 am as opposed to 6.30 am as in the Easter Card. This year the Mass will be celebrated at Athlunkard Boat Club and next year, please God, at the Irish Estates. We will alternate each year going forward.

10.30am Mass of the Resurrection, **St Nicholas**


12 noon Mass of the Resurrection, **St Munchin's**



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

This day joins the foretelling of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (as the crowd welcomed Him with palm branches) and the proclamation of His Passion in the Gospel reading. Hence, the day is called "**Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord.**"

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