

1 January

We pray for all who suffered violence today, May an unexpected serenity surprise them. For those who risk their lives each day for peace, May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those that make riches from violence and war Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost. That we might see through our fear of each other A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.

Those those who enjoy the privilege of peace Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters. That the wolf might lie down with the lamb, That our swords be beaten into ploughshares And no hurt or harm be done Anywhere along the holy mountain.

John O'Donohue 'Benedictus'

Right, we've picked up the gold and the myrrh...what on earth is THAT?!



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, 6TH JANUARY

Vigil Mass: Wedneday 5th January, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church

Thursday 6th January, mass at 9.45am in ST Munchin's College Chapel

3rd Jan St.Munchin

St Munchin, Bishop, Abbot. Munchin is the patron saint of the diocese of Limerick.

He is known only from Dalcassian genealogies and seems to have been born in Dal Cais, where a parish and old graveyard Cell Mainchin (Kilmanaheen) existed.



In the seventh century he was granted Inis Sibtonn (Ibton) in the tidal waters of Limerick, in the region of which he founded a church and had a thriving religious community.

Epiphany of the Lord



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 2nd January 2nd Sunday of Christmas



CONTACT NUMBERS

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P.	087 6261287
Fr. John O'Byrne	085 7491268
Fr.Gerard O'Leary	087 9378685
Salesian Sisters	061 348510
PARISH OFFICE	061 341300

OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 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

WEEKDAY MASSES

9.45am Mon, Tues, Wed, St Munchin's College Chapel.

10am in *St Mary's* : Thurs and Friday.

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

stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura, 086 0429952 or Grace, 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

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

Please

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill pray for at this time, those who are preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital.

Please pray especially for Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, 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.

St Nicholas' Pastoral Parish Council meets

on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month.

If you would like to raise an item/issue at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



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