

# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Web Edition

Sunday 2nd May 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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.

## The Deep End — Bound together

Have you ever visited a vineyard, with its rows of vines, heavy with clusters of ripe grapes? If you're not familiar with vines, think of an apple tree laden with apples, or a fruit bush ripe for picking. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine to describe his relationship with his disciples. He tells them that he is the vine, and they are the branches. The life of Jesus flows into us and sustains us, and this is the reason our lives can bear fruit in love, in kindness, patience, compassion and welcome.

The symbolism of the vine works on many levels. If a branch is separated from the vine, it cannot flourish on its own. It must be connected to the vine from which it gets its nourishment. Each of us must be firmly rooted in Jesus and nourish that relationship. He invites us to 'remain' in him - to rest in him, to be part of him. And if you look at a vine plant, often its branches are so entangled, it can be hard to know where one ends and another begins. We note that Jesus is addressing the disciples as a group rather than as individuals: 'you are the branches'. We are a community, and we grow together, bound together by the love of God.

Today, we reflect on what it means to be so intimately connected with Jesus, the true vine. We bring to mind the many gifts he has given us, and the ways in which his love bears fruit in our lives.

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### 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)





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

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

### Bring Flowers of the Rarest

(Please sing this beautiful hymn in honour of Mary in this her special month. Here is a link to the melody if you need it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWMEsCT8xZw&t=25s>)

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,  
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,  
From garden and woodland  
And hillside and vale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our Glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest  
Rose of the vale.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending,  
In harmony blending,  
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn  
Dear Mother, to thee;  
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee  
How truly we love thee,  
How dark without Mary  
Life's journey would be.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

O Virgin most tender,  
Our homage we render,  
Thy love and protection,  
Sweet Mother, to win;  
In danger defend us,  
In sorrow befriend us,  
And shield our hearts  
From contagion and sin.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Of Mothers the dearest,  
Oh, wilt thou be nearest,  
When life with temptation  
Is darkly replete?  
Forsake us, O never!  
Our hearts be they ever  
As Pure as the lilies  
We lay at thy feet.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms  
today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms  
today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.



Online preparation for the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation can be found on the Limerick Diocese website, <https://limerickdiocese.org> Just follow the relevant link.

**United World Week 2021**

United World Week  
MAY 2021  
Presents  
**#DARE TO CARE**  
1-9.05.2021

[www.unitedworldproject.org/uww2021](http://www.unitedworldproject.org/uww2021)

1 May 2021 - 9 May 2021  
Online

**Exploring the Role of Women in Church Leadership**

7:30pm, Monday 10th May, Zoom Webinar

- Sr Patricia Murray, Executive Secretary of International Union of Superiors General, Consultant, Pontifical Council for Culture
- Austen Ivereigh, Writer, Journalist, Biographer of Pope Francis, Co-author with Pope Francis of 'Let us Dream'
- Jessie Rogers, Dean of Theology, Lecturer in Sacred Scripture
- Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick
- Rose O'Connor, Chair, Women in Leadership Working Group

Register at:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Women\\_Church\\_Leadership](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Women_Church_Leadership)