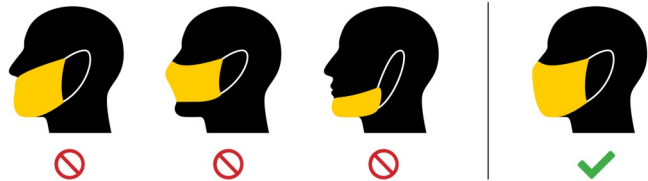


Thank You for your Co-operation in creating a safe environment for masses in our Parish. Our capacity for St Nicholas church is 80 people as by the guidelines for religious services. Our stewards count the amount of attendees to ensure we do not go over this number. Please come early to ensure a place.

We strongly recommend wearing a mask at services and appreciate your help in social distancing. Mass can be viewed on the Parish webcam for those who prefer to participate from a distance.

Fr.Derek.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS BY WEARING A FACE COVERING CORRECTLY



SUNDAY 30th August, 22nd Sunday of Ordinary time

THE DEEP END - By Triona Doherty , trionad@gmail.com

I remember reading, during the early weeks of the coronavirus pandemic, an account of a 'day in the life' of an Irish healthcare worker. She described the precautions she had to take while attending to patients in hospital, the protective equipment she had to wear, and the strain of working in such a challenging environment. She talked about coming home from work to her family after each shift; how she had to immediately shower and change, stay apart from her husband and children so as not to put them at risk, and then go to sleep in a separate room.

These extraordinary levels of self-sacrifice have rightly come to be more appreciated in recent months. Doctors, nurses and other frontline workers have been going beyond the call of duty to take care of their patients, often sacrificing their own family life, health and safety in the process. They have had to put their own fears and anxieties aside in order to help others, and are rightly described as heroes; they remind us every day of the incredible ways in which people can make sacrifices for others, out of a sense of compassion, justice and love.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his followers that they must take up their cross. When he tells them that he is going to suffer and be put to death, they naturally react with shock. It seems like a strange path to choose. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate and compassionate love. We too are capable of making extraordinary sacrifices out of love. Those frontline workers who carry on in the most difficult circumstances are prepared to put others' needs before their own - the very thing that Jesus says being a disciple entails.

The rescheduled Parish **Confirmations** will be taking place in small groups over the coming Saturdays. Congratulations to the confirmation group who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit this weekend.

If you have a child for a Confirmation this year you can watch the three Confirmation Preparatory Lessons created by our own Fr Chris O'Donnell here...

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/category/resources/confirmation/>





ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

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All Masses will be held in St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

Weekday: 9.45am Monday–Wednesday

Weekend: Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 10.30am and 12 noon

Places are limited during public mass in accordance with public health guidelines, Mask wearing is advisable, Please follow the stewards instructions during the mass.

LIVE STREAMED PARISH MASSES

Masses from St Nicholas church can be viewed live via the parish webcam. For more details see the parish website.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.



Please send to

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING

TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and
Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for
Church related enquiries.

Phone: 061 341300



Holy Baptism

Baptism bookings will be taken from mid July.

Baptism times will be

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



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.

Continue to pray for Maurice, Ailish R, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Kiera, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Amy, Anna, Gwyneth, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Séamas, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes and Eoin.

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 contact: the newsletter by email or phone.

CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

Limerick Diocese have a weekly Children's newsletter to download and print.

Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about Sunday's Gospel. It includes Saint of the Week, Video of the week and a picture to colour!

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