



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 30th May 2021
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



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We continue to celebrate masses daily on our Parish webcam from St Nicholas church.

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The Deep End – The Most Holy Trinity

I am with you

Today's Gospel is often referred to as the 'Great Commission'. It contains the instructions of the Risen Jesus to the disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to teach and to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday today, we pay attention in particular to the very last words of Matthew's Gospel: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Jesus will be with his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us.

We read that some of the disciples were hesitant when they encountered Jesus on the mountain. They had lost him to death, and now he was risen and with them again in the flesh. They may have felt they weren't ready or able for the task he was handing over to them. These first disciples were an imperfect group of people, yet Jesus chose them to spread God's vision of love, compassion and justice throughout the world. Perhaps, like some of the disciples, we are fearful or doubtful. At a time when everything is changing so rapidly, it can be difficult to navigate our own faith journey, never mind communicate it to others. Yet we have Jesus' assurance that he is with us, with the love and strength we need. The Holy Spirit is at work, inspiring and guiding us, shaping our lives, helping us to make the love of God present to all we meet.

'Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God.' (Martin Luther King Jr)

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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.



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

Useful Contacts/Numbers

- ◆ COVID-19 Support Line for Older People—ALONE - 0818 222 024. SENIORLINE 1800 804591
- ◆ Community Call—Limerick City and County Council Tel 1800 852 389 E-mail covidsupport@limerick.ie

TOILET FACILITIES Please note that toilet facilities cannot be provided in St Nicholas' Church in order to adhere to strict Covid19 guidelines.



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

PLEASE NOTE: OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 8TH JUNE AND THURSDAY 10TH JUNE 2021



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, Dymrna, 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 or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

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/>



Prayer for Exams

At this time we are very conscious of all those preparing for the Leaving Certificate and other exams.

We pray for these students and remember them in a special way - a way of telling those doing exams that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ever loving and eternal God be with me as I prepare to sit my examinations.

Give me peace of mind and quietness of heart so that I may approach each exam with confidence and trust.

Open my heart to believe that with you all things are possible and because you have created me I am worth much more than all the exams in the world.

Teach me Lord that there will be many opportunities for using my gifts and talents in the future.

Bless that future and be with me, my family and my friends especially when the road is difficult,

and when all is going well may I give thanks for your care and love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Call For Stewards



Stewards are needed for weekend masses as we are hoping to set up teams of 4 working on a rota basis.

Any body interested can contact Fr. Derek or any steward.

We would also like volunteers to stay behind for a few minutes after Mass to wipe down the seats in readiness for the next Mass as per Covid 19 guidelines.

Thank you

I hear some people are starting to feel stressed in lockdown! Actually I was just talking about this with my sewing machine, and she seemed to agree. But when I asked the elastic, it just snapped back! I think it was stretched to its limit.

So I tried to talk to the cotton, but it shrank away.

The linen was in a bunch. The scissors were snippy.

Even the stuffing was down. When I came around to ask the buttons, they just gaped. The snaps suggested I get a grip.

Thankfully, the iron gave it to me straight and reminded me this will all be smoothed over soon.

