

NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



St Nicholas Parish

Mass Times
 Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 10.00am
Parish Live Streaming of Masses
 from St Nicholas Church; log onto
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>
 or via the parish website; www.saintnicholasparish.ie



St Mary's Parish

Mass Times
 Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am
 Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am
Parish Live Streaming of Masses
 from St Mary's Church; log onto
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st December 2023

Clergy Contacts

Fr Richie Davern 0872977500

Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4th Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.

Contact the Parish Office for more information and a Baptism Enrolment form.

St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm
 Email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com
 Phone: 061-341300

St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm
 Email: stmarysparishlk@outlook.com
 Phone: 061-416300

You can contact the office if you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church. With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/
www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events



Please send details for both parishes to saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the heading

Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon. Items received after this time unfortunately cannot be included

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may e found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



We offer our condolences to the family of Gwen Hennigar R.I.P.

May she rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Philomena Ryan Anniv

Sunday 10.00am

Monika Liban 16th Anniv



We offer our condolences to the families of Maura Leamy R.I.P.

Catherine Ryan (Guerin) R.I.P.

Frank Junior Keane R.I.P.

Brian Muca McNamara R.I.P.

Tom Scanlan R.I.P.

Dolores (Dolie) Benson R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Teresa Kennedy M.M.

Sean Casey Anniv

Rose Downey 3rd Anniv

Special Intention

Sunday 11.30am

Jenny Ring 16th Anniv

Geraldine Bedford 14th Anniv

Anthony & Pious Bedford Anniv

Pat O'Brien Anniv

Peggy & Cyril Guerin Anniv

Prayer 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 and those in hospital. 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.

Prayer for when I can't receive communion



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish Pastoral Council meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council
St Nicholas Parish Pastoral council email: PPCStNicholas@gmail.com
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email: stmarysparishlk@outlook.com



This figure will be published next week.

We are very thankful for your continued generosity, and grateful for your loyalty and support.

CHRISTMAS DUES We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have returned their Dues Envelopes. We are very aware that people are under financial pressure and sincerely thank all who are in a position to return their Dues envelope, and kindly ask those who have not returned a Dues envelope to consider doing so. The 'Dues' collection is used to support the Clergy in our parish.

Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6th January and is a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus.

Mass times

St Nicholas Church - Mass - Friday 5th - 6.30pm

St Mary's Church - Mass - Saturday 6th - 10.00am

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

St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

Will resume after the christmas break on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 10.45am in St Nicholas Prayer Chapel.

"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"

All you need do is "turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"... Everybody is welcome.

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back in its full capacity for 2024, bringing a full team of workers and assisted pilgrims. If you know someone (family member, neighbour, friend etc) who would like to travel as part of our assisted pilgrim section please let them know. Christmas may even be an opportunity for people to give a gift of a trip to Lourdes to a family member. Further information available from Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

St Mary's Adult Education Centre, Island Road, would like to invite you to their Registration Day on

Wednesday 10th Jan from 10am-4pm

You must attend in person to sign up for the many classes available.

New Year Message

We hope you had an enjoyable time over Christmas with family and friends. Now as we greet 2024, while we cannot foresee what this New Year will bring, but we can live each day knowing that God is our loving Father, that His Son has saved us, and that He has given us His Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. We can live each day also knowing that Mary, the mother of God, is also our mother, the mother of the Church, who intercedes for us with her Son.

As we begin this New Year, we, the priests of your parish, pray for you and all your families and loved ones the ancient priestly blessing: *"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"*

Pray to Start a New Year.

"A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."



May the New Year fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter. & may God bless you today and every day.

Happy New Year.

St Mary's Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday 3rd January
St Nicholas Parish Office will reopen on Thursday 4th January