

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 2nd & Sunday 3rd March 2024

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
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

PARISH NEWS

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 Joseph Phylan R.I.P.

May he rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Nancy Ruschitzko M.M.

Sunday 10.00am

Pro Populo



*We offer our condolences to the families of Bridget 'Bridie' Ashton née Cusack R.I.P.
Mary Madden R.I.P.*

Patrick 'Pa' O'Donoghue R.I.P.

John 'Johnny' Cregan R.I.P.

Larry 'Laurence' Martin R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Alison Coffey Sheehan M.M.

Brian O'Brien 1st Anniv

Maureen & Christy Kiely Anniv

Gerard O'Brien, Jnr & Snr Anniv

Sunday 11.30am

Veronica O'Brien 8th Anniv

Pat Murphy & his son Adam Anniv

Paddy Kilroy & wife Eileen Anniv

Rita Griffin 25th Anniv & deceased family members

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 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 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



The total collection for weekend 24th & 25th February amounted to **€665 in St Nicholas Church** and **€1579 in St Mary's Church** (this figure includes donation to shrines)

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

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

Scripture Reflection Group

Sr Betty Baker will hold a scriptures reflection session on each Thursday after the morning Mass in St Mary's Church. Each session will last about 30minutes. If you would like to join us, come to the sacristy after Mass.

St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"
Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45 in St. Nicholas Prayer Chapel. Everybody is welcome. All you need do is *"turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"...*

Lenten Reflections

An opportunity to pause and reflect

Where? St. Nicholas Adoration Chapel
When? Monday 4th March & Tuesday 19th March
Time? 7.30pm



Our Sacristans in St Nicholas Church, Precious & Michael, want to thank all those who have been so kind & thoughtful to them over the last few months. Precious has been so touched by all the good wishes she has received. We wish Precious a continued recovery and keep her in our prayers.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (Thursday 20th to Tuesday 25th June 2024) 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. For further information please contact the Lourdes Office on 061-350000 (Tuesdays & Thursday 10.00am - 4.00pm)

Irish Bishops Conference on the upcoming referendum

The proposed Family amendment to the Constitution diminishes the unique importance of the relationship between marriage and family in the eyes of Society and State and is likely to lead to a weakening of the incentive for young people to marry.

Bishops Statement

Upon his arrival in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families on 25 August 2018, Pope Francis said he was visiting Ireland to help families *"reaffirm their commitment to loving fidelity, mutual assistance and reverence for God's gift of life in all its forms, but also to testify to the unique role played by the family in the education of its members, and the development of sound and flourishing social fabric"*. He added, *"Families are the glue of society, their welfare cannot be taken for granted, but must be promoted and protected by every appropriate means"*.

The importance of voting

Pope Saint John Paul II said in Ireland back in 1979: *"The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation"*. In a democracy that guarantees the freedom to vote, it is important that citizens cast their ballot on 8 March with matters of such importance at stake. As pastors, concerned for the common good as well as the moral and spiritual well-being of God's people, we offer these reflections in order to help inform the consciences of Christians and others who are concerned to preserve and foster the dignity and value of family life and motherhood.

For the full statement by the Irish Bishops Conference on the upcoming referendum, please visit: [Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference statement on the Family and Care referendums | Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Speakers at Sunday Masses for LENT

On Sunday 3rd March Fr. Michael Long, a Kiltegan who ministered in Africa, an environmentalist, and now works at the Cabragh Wetlands Project, Holycross, Tipperary. Fr Michael will speak on the issue of the environment and Christianity

Trócaire

In Malawi, longer and more severe droughts in recent years have dried up small streams and water holes. Unfortunately, some areas are also affected by cyclones and flooding. When this happens, the simple mud houses are badly damaged. The water that falls is not suitable for drinking or farming but causes a huge amount of destruction. **Trócaire** is working with local partners to help communities to rebuild after these events and to be better prepared for the future. To learn more, go to: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>
Please consider donating to **Trócaire** this Lent

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THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us Tuesday, **5 March** for **Theology on Tap** at **Fennessy's Pub**. We will hear **Fr. Noel Kirwan** on his **vocation story**. The evening begins at **7:30pm**, finger food provided. See you there!