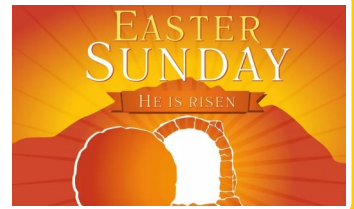




St. Nicholas' Parish News

Web Edition

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Easter Sunday



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NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

sunshine is not cancelled
spring is not cancelled
love is not cancelled
relationships are not cancelled
reading is not cancelled
naps are not cancelled
devotion is not cancelled
music is not cancelled
dancing is not cancelled
imagination is not cancelled
kindness is not cancelled
conversations are not cancelled
hope is not cancelled



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

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 or www.churchservices.tv

Our weekend online masses will be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10:30 and 12 noon.

Daily mass : 9:45am Monday to Friday





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



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, 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



Jesus is a living reality.

I like the story about an ageing flower-lady with an outdoor stall. Her clothes were old and shabby, her face weather-beaten and wrinkled. A regular customer asked how she was always in good form. "It's my friend Jesus", she replied. "Good Friday was the worst of days. Three days later, Easter Sunday, the best of days. So, when I have a problem, I know that if I wait three days, Jesus will overcome it for me."

If ever the world needed a message of light and hope it is during this epidemic.

The flower-lady knew that Easter is not just an event of past history but her friend

Pope Francis tells us: "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit. However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history. Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelise are instruments of that power". (The Joy of the Gospel, 276).

The epidemic is proving to be a challenge bringing out the extraordinary goodness of people. Good neighbourliness has returned to our society. Volunteers are sprouting everywhere. Chefs out of work have come together to cook delicious meals for the housebound. Some individual starts a project to raise funds and the response is overwhelming. Factories change production so as to supply medical equipment. Retired medical staff volunteer to come back. The list of goodness is endless. Love is the greatest proof of God's presence.

We are told that we are living in a post-Christian society. But the evidence before our eyes is that the Christian inspiration is alive and well.

Christ is risen. But the story is not complete until Christ is risen in you and me. And when each one holds just one little candle what a bright world it will be. Take the light of Christ and spread the light of Christ. Alleluia!



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"Christ the Lord is risen today, sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens and earth reply."

— Charles Wesley