

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is the carpenter, surely?

'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.' We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus in today's Gospel: no matter what a person achieves in life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling. There is always someone to ensure we don't get ideas 'above our station'! Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but his former neighbours turn on him. Who does he think he is, this carpenter, the son of Mary? This could have been a moment of grace, if they were open to hearing what he had to say. Perhaps the implications of the Good News were just too challenging coming from one of their own.

Sometimes God's Word comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experience and wisdom? Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shoot them down before they speak? When our hearts are open, we come to recognise the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.' (Tony Singleton)



First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021



To help girls and boys prepare for their first Reconciliation (Confession), First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Fr Chris O'Donnell has worked with iCatholic, on behalf of the Catechetics Council of the Irish Bishops' Conference, to produce video lessons for First Communion/Confirmation children and their families. These are available on the Limerick Diocese website at the links below:

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



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.

Please pray especially for Ailish, Frank, Fiona, Niamh, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Orla, Ruby, Carmel.

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.

Stewards are needed for weekend masses as we are hoping to set up teams of 4 working on a rota basis. If you can help, please talk to any steward.





ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 4th July 2021

14th Sunday in ordinary time

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



WEEKDAY

9.45am Monday to Wednesday, St Nicholas church

All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

WEEKEND

Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon . St Nicholas' church

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



Masses from St Nicholas Church can be viewed live via the parish webcam at

the parish website www.saintnicholasparish.ie or <https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

You can download the free app from the App store and click on St Nicholas church in the Limerick section.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura. 086 0429952

Grace. 086 8296193



The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page.

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.
Phone: 061 341300

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



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

Public Masses

Numbers will be limited to 80 people per Mass.

We encourage everyone to adhere to the safety protocols when joining us for Mass;

Social distance

Sanitize your hands

Wear a face mask

More information of the Governments decision on the resumption of public worship (including funeral and wedding ceremonies) can be accessed on www.gov.ie

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 IN 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.



SPIRITUAL ACT OF COMMUNION