

## St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 4th October 2020  
27th Sunday Ordinary Time

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*'I tell you, then,  
that the kingdom  
of God will be  
taken from you  
and given to a  
people who will  
produce its fruit.'*

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**PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**

Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc. Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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**by Wednesday please**

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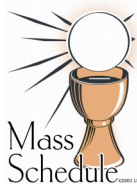
### Prayer for when you can't receive Communion

**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.**



St Nicholas church celebrates live mass every weekend. Mass can be viewed on the Parish webcam for those who prefer to participate from a distance. Masses can be found on [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) and [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas)

**Mass times are:** St. Nicholas—Saturday: 6pm; Sunday 10:30 am  
St. Munchins—Sunday 12pm; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:45am

Thank You for your Co-operation in creating a safe environment for masses in our Parish.

Our capacity for St Nicholas church is 80 people as by the guidelines for religious services. Our stewards count the amount of attendees to ensure we do not go over this number.

### Please come early to ensure a place

We strongly recommend wearing a mask at services and appreciate your help in social distancing.



We sincerely thank you for your continued support. Your donations to our church collection helps to fund the day to day costs of keeping our church open.

For your safety we no longer hold a basket collection during Mass. Instead we have placed boxes at the church entrance and exits for donations.



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

Thank you once again for whatever you can give us.

October

*Month of the  
Holy Rosary*



The month of October is the month of the Rosary. Oct 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Families and individuals are invited to tune in to St. Nicholas' parish webcam each evening Monday to Friday from Oct 5th - 30th at 7.00pm to join in saying the rosary for various intentions.

([www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie))

Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the **Family Rosary Crusade**.

On Saturday October 10th, the **Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be Live & Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the Rosary from 12.30pm. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Damian Polly, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Marius O'Reilly and more.

On Sunday October 11th the **Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland** will take place. This year we will again join in with many other countries from around the world. We will gather on our coasts, at our grottos, our churches, our river banks, our homes, or wherever we can..... to pray the Rosary safely together, at 2.30pm. Please do remember to observe Covid 19 guidelines. See [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) to see locations near you or to register a location.



### 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 time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1.00pm.

Contact the church office.

### The Deep End

#### Creation

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation, a time to remember that we are protectors of this earth and have been given responsibility to care for it, not to plunder and destroy it. The parable told in the Gospel today also speaks to this as we hear that the workers of the vineyard have lost sight of their original agreement with the owner and, consumed by greed, have lost their way.

Today is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. He experienced all of God's creation as family: 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water'. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world really is. The COVID 19 crisis has reminded all of us of this deep interconnection; what happens in one part of the world affects us all as we share one common humanity and live together on a common home.

During the days of lockdown many of us became more aware of simple things like birdsong, trees, flowers, the earth resting. Pope Francis says that this deeper awareness, 'takes us to the heart of what it is to be human' and gives us an opportunity to regain a sense of awe and wonder for creation. 'Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever St Francis would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song.' (Laudato Si', 11). The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual. As we bring this Season of Creation to a close, let it be a spring-board into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which faith communities have a responsibility to respond to. 'Truly much can be done!' (Laudato Si', 180).



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#### To make you Smile!

Lead me not into temptation, I can find it myself

People seldom notice old clothes if you wear a big smile.

Before you put on a frown, make absolutely sure there are no smiles available. ~Jim Beggs

A smile is the light in the window of your face that tells people you're at home

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important. Smile! It increases your face value.



### 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 Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes and Dympna.

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](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



We are looking for more volunteers to be Parish Stewards.

We have Stewards at each weekend Mass to ensure that we can continue to offer live Mass in church while keeping to the Government guidelines and maintain a safe environment

We are very grateful for the stewards we have and **need** to add to their number.

If You can volunteer, please speak to one of the Stewards or contact Fr Derek on 087 6261 287.

We would really appreciate if you could help. Thank You.