



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 5 February 2023

5th Sunday Ordinary time

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

Monday and Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries. If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening times to the office, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

With Sympathy mass cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available from the Parish Office.

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

Phone: 061 341300

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 9.45am
St Munchin's College Chapel.

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, *St Nicholas' church*
Sun 12 noon , *St Munchin's College Chapel*

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

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 in the area to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, fundraisers, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/



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 Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Shane, Anna, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Liam, Martina, Ciara.

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.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 5pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you could email them to: PPCStNicholas@gmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION: The collection last weekend came to € 920 . Many thanks for your loyalty and support to the parish.

Prayer for when I can't receive communion:



My Jesus, I Believe that you are present
In the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things
And 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

AGING WITH GRACE

Aging Gracefully is a retreat day for people of any age committed to living their lives one day at a time, accepting themselves as they are and cultivating a light heart, a joyful spirit and a peaceful mind.

Date: Saturday 18th February 2023

Venue: Mount St. Annes Retreat Centre, Portarlington, Co. Laois

Time: 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Cost: €60 (includes Lunch)

Special Offer: Retreat day plus B&B on Friday night €100

Bookings/Enquiries: Tel. 057-8626253 or Email. secretary@mountstannes.com

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP



This group meets in St. Nicholas' church parish center every Tuesday morning at 10,30.

Everybody, especially those new to meditation or who would like to try it, is welcome.

Come along for 20 minutes of sacred stillness.

"Be still and you will know"

Slainte care Healthy Communities Team

The first 'We Can Quit' stop smoking group of 2023 will take place in;

Venue:

St Mary's National School, Bishop Street, Limerick.

Date:

Each Wednesday from the 1st of February to the 5th of April 2023

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Participants can avail of free Nicotine Replacement Therapy such as gums, patches, lozenges, etc. to help them Quit.

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, 29th August-8th Sept. 2023.

Group Leader, Micheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Scripture Scholar). In association with Premier Travel, Cork

Contact Micheál at 086-8337681 or

email info@carpediemtours.ie

(See also our website: www.carpediemtours.ie)



The Legend of St. Brigid's Cloak

"She approached the King of Leinster requesting the land on which to build her monastery. The place she selected in Kildare was ideal. It was near a lake where water was available, in a forest where there was firewood and near a fertile plain on which to grow crops. The King refused her request. Brigid was not put off by his refusal. Rather, she and her sisters prayed that the King's heart would soften. She made her request again but this time she asked, "Give me as much land as my cloak will cover." Seeing her small cloak, he laughed and then granted this request. However, Brigid had instructed her four helpers each to take a corner of the cloak and walk in opposite directions - north, south, east and west. As they did this the cloak began to grow and spread across many acres. She now had sufficient land on which to build her monastery. The King and his entire household were dismayed and amazed. They realised that this woman was truly blessed by God. The King became a patron of Brigid's monastery, assisting her with money, food and gifts. Later he converted to Christianity. It was on this land in Kildare that she built her dual monastery c. 470."

Taken From: <https://brigidine.org.au/about-us/our-patroness/legend-of-st-brigid-cloak>

DIOCESE OF LIMERICK
VOCATIONS OFFICE
THEOLOGY ON TAP
7:30PM @ BOBBY BYRNES
VOCATIONS PANEL
Father John Campion
Mike & Melissa Polnaszek
Sister Mary Magdalene
FINGER FOOD PROVIDED
CONTACT: [vocations@limerickdiocese.org](mailto: vocations@limerickdiocese.org)
for more information

DEFIBRILLATOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering to train in the use of a defibrillator. Contact the parish office.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

We are also looking for a volunteers to help with producing the newsletter. If you want to find out more, you can contact Grace at 0868296193. Your help would be much appreciated.



CLEANING GROUP for St Nicholas Church meets weekly on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm to clean the church. If you can help, please just turn up.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Mass in St Munchin's College Chapel at 9.45 am and at 7.00 pm in St. Nicholas Church.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 February – Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)

22 February Ash Wednesday



5 March St Vincent de Paul collection, first weekend of every month

25 March Scoil Ide Confirmation Day