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 4th & Sunday 5th May 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 Saturday of the month 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



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 families of Catherine 'Kathleen' Long R.I.P. Rita Shinners R.I.P. Mary McGuire R.I.P. Nessa Hogan R.I.P. Anthony Cleary R.I.P. Matthew Sheedy R.I.P. May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church Saturday 5.00pm

Marie Judge (2nd Anniv) Valarie Murphy (2nd Anniv)

Gerard Liston (5th Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

Timothy 'Ted' McGrath (M.M.) Margaret McNamara (Anniv)

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 in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely 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: <u>PPCStNicholas@gmail.com</u> St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email; stmarysparishlk@outlook.com



The total collection for weekend 27th & 28th April amounted to €1131 in St Nicholas Church and €1705 in St Mary's Church (this figure includes donations 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

Limerick Youth Service Annual Collection will be held this weekend $4^{th}/5^{th}$ May

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*"...

Making a donation to the church by bank transfer St Mary's Church Account IBAN: IE11 AIBK 9352 4794 4621 73 BIC: AIBKIE2D St Nicholas Church Account IBAN: IE84 BOFI 9045 9525 8744 17 BIC: BOFIIE2D

First Holy Communion We continue to keep in our prayers all the children preparing for their First Holy Communion Ceremonies will be held on 18th May & 25th May 2024



REGENERON GREAT RUN LIMERICK RUN SUNDAY MAY 5TH 2024



The Regeneron Great Limerick Run is the biggest mass participation sporting event outside Dublin. Every year the City of Limerick comes to a standstill as thousands of runners take over and run the City's streets! Be aware of road closures around the city centre and Ennis Road area. START TIMES: Marathon and Marathon Relay at 9am.

Marathon and Marathon Relay at 9am Half Marathon will start at 10:30am 6 Mile will start at 12:30pm

Athlunkard Street 200™ Anníversary Celebratíons



Thanks to all, and they were many, who in any way contributed to the wonderful success of the week of festivities commemorating the 200th anniversary of the opening of Athlunkard Street 1824. It was a renewal of acquaintanceship for family and friends and the large attendances at all events was proof positive of the pride that still exists in the heritage of a street that many love so well. The best compliment I heard back was of an American man in the Killaloe Male Voice Choir, who said, of all the concerts he has sang at over the years that he is in Ireland, he never sensed such a pride in an audience about their native place. It truly was you, the people, who made the celebrations such a success!!! On behalf of the organizational group, go raibh míle maith agaibh.

'The Story of Athlunkard Street 1824-2024' by Denis O'Shaughnessy will be available to buy from St Mary's Credit Union office and in McMahons Butchers, also available after mass.

Milford Care Centre will be hosting its annual **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, on Sunday May 12th 2024 at 3pm** for those people who have died under our care in Milford Care Centre and across our community services. We hope that you may wish to join with us and we look forward to sharing with you in this service of remembrance and thanksgiving. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support.

Cursillo walk: Cork to Knock route Tue July 16th - 21st. Approx 23 miles (37kms) per day. Mass daily, rosary, divine mercy chaplet & fellowship each day. Contact <u>corktoknock@gmail.com</u> to sign up for the full walk, a day or a stage. Walks also leaving from Dublin, Belfast & Derry: all converging to arrive in Knock.