



*“He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
He will gather the lambs in his arms,  
And carry them in his bosom,  
And gently lead the mother sheep.”* Isaiah 40:11

We are now in the season of Advent, the weeks during which we prepare to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. Christmas this year will be a little different to what we have been used to but we can still share its joy safely within our families. And within our community of faith and friends, surely by sending a card or making a phone call or calling a socially distanced greeting to a neighbor, we can share goodwill and gratitude for the many small blessings that we have learned to appreciate during recent periods of lockdown.

Let us remember what Peig Sayers said of life on the Blaskets:  
“Is ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine” which may be translated as meaning that we live and survive in each other’s shadow, in good times and during more challenging days too.

A message from the Parish Pastoral Council.



### ST NICHOLAS PARISH GIVING TREE

As a way of giving to poorer children in Limerick city and County and County Clare, we have launched our Giving Tree in St. Nicholas. Please return the gift on or before December 13th to St Nicholas Church or to the Parish office during open times. Many thanks for your generosity.

### RESERVING SEATS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic event that has been present during 2020, we invite you to join us in celebrating the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to avoid disappointment and to enable people to plan their visit to the church we are celebrating will be celebrating extra masses in St Nicholas church.

The limits imposed by the Covid 19 Regulations mean that the churches will be strictly limited in the number of persons permitted to attend each of the Masses. We sincerely regret that you will require a ticket to attend these Masses and that only those holding valid tickets will be allowed entry. We trust that you understand the necessity of this development, but the continuing need for vigilance and care in a COVID world requires it of us.

We thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.

**ARRANGEMENTS RE COLLECTION OF TICKETS**      The following are the arrangements re the tickets:

All tickets can be booked after all weekend masses next weekend, December 12th/13th or through the Parish office by calling in person. These tickets will be available in the from next weekend, December 12th/13th onwards. It is necessary to have a ticket for each person who wishes to attend including children. Tickets will be distributed on a “First come, first served basis.” Please take only as many tickets as You need. There will be a maximum of five tickets per person.

We regret that tickets cannot be booked over the phone. If you are not able to attend in person for Christmas Mass, we hope that you join us virtually by live-stream. All of the Masses will be live-streamed from St Nicholas church.

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH MASS TIMES:**      Christmas Eve : 4pm, 6pm and 9pm  
Christmas Day : 10:30am and 12 noon



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. Continue to pray for John, Paddy, Frank, Ger, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Eamon, Declan, Lilia, Muirinn and Orla.

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, please contact the newsletter by email or phone.



## ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 6th Dec.2020, 2nd Advent Sunday

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

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Fr.Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

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Salesian Sisters 061 348510



All public masses are celebrated in  
St Nicholas Church

**Weekday:** 9.45am Monday to Friday

**Weekend:** Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon



Masses from St Nicholas Church can be viewed live via the parish webcam at [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) or

[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv), 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, pray for the sick etc.

By Wednesday, please send details to

Maura. 086 0429952

Grace. 086 8296193

or [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)



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

[www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)



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

**Phone: 061 341300**



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 RESUME

from 1st December. Facemasks are advised.

**Weekday mass:** 9:45am Monday to Friday

**Weekend masses:** Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10:30am & 12 noon

All masses will be celebrated in St Nicholas church.

Looking forward to seeing You back.

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS

You are invited to join us by webcam from St Nicholas' Church for a short Advent Reflection on Thursdays, Dec, 10th and 17th at 7.00pm as we prepare for Christmas.

### PARISH POSADA



Our Parish Posada began it's journey through our parish last weekend. The nativity set of Mary and Joseph were welcomed to The Mill Road, Westbury, Shannon Banks, Fernleigh and Ardnacrusha.

This week the Posadas will visit Ardnacrusha, Mill Road, Thornbrook and The Moorings.

We remember and pray for all families during this Advent season.