



## Corpus Christi

Apart, yet together

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At the end of March 2020, a host of Irish sports stars came together to urge people to 'unite by staying apart.' 'We're all in this together... Now it's time for us all to unite and rise to the occasion by keeping our distance and by staying at home,' they said in a video message. It seems like such a paradox: how can we be united when we are all so far apart? It is hard, when we are used to living in community, supporting others and being supported, to accept the idea that we can be apart, yet together.

It was a particular challenge for Christians across the globe, as the coronavirus outbreak saw Masses and church services cancelled and the faithful called upon to stay at home. Physically, we were separated from our church community, but thankfully most of us were able to tune in to live-streamed Masses on TV, radio or online, where we could unite with the church in prayer. For me, it brings to mind the experiences of all those who are unable to attend Mass for various reasons, perhaps because they are housebound or in hospital or living in a place where there is no priest available, but who are nonetheless united in communion with the Body of Christ.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are 'apart, yet together.' In the Mass, we are united with the whole church across the world - those in the church building with us, as well as all those who are not. Today, the Feast of Corpus Christi, St Paul tells us: 'Though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all share in this one loaf.' In challenging times, we are united by Jesus, the living bread.

### Prayer for exam Students

Dear God,

We bring all the students before you who will be writing exams

We ask your Holy Spirit to guide them and give them the understanding and knowledge that comes only from you.

Grant them favour and bring the information that they have studied to mind that is needed for each exam that they take.

Bless each Student

in Jesus name, we pray.

### PARISH OFFICE NOTICE:

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th June.

*please  
pray 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, those in hospital.

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

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.

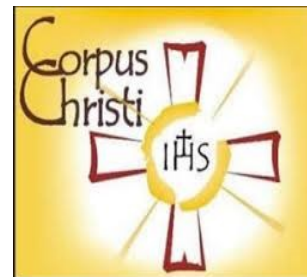
If you can help, contact Fr. Derek or any steward.



## ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 6th June 2021

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Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



All masses from 10th May in St Nicholas Church

**WEEKDAY** 9.45am Monday to Friday

**WEEKEND** Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon

**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](http://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](mailto: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/](https://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)

#### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

**ALONE** 0818 222024

**SENIORLINE** 1800 804591

**Community call**, Limerick City and County :

Phone: 1800 852 389 or

email: [covidsupport@limerick.ie](mailto:covidsupport@limerick.ie)

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

**email:** [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### Important Notice on Public Masses

Numbers will be limited to 50 people per Mass.

The Mass schedule will apply to the end of June and will be reviewed for July and August.

Sanitising and face coverings/masks are mandatory for attendance at public Masses.

More information of the governments decision on the resumption of public worship (including funeral and wedding ceremonies) can be accessed on [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie)

Everyone is encouraged to adhere to the safety protocols. We welcome the return to public worship, and please God we won't have to wait too long to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation.

God bless you and your family.

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**

