



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

7th August 2022  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287  
Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268  
Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685  
Salesian Sisters: 061 348510

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

Office Tel: 061-341300  
Office email: [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)

Newsletter email: [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

Webcam: <https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

Facebook: @stnicholasparish



## 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.



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: [Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)



## Mass Times

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

**WEEKDAY NB** For July and August, there will not be a Week-day mass in St Munchin's College Chapel. All are welcome to join us in St Mary's for 10am mass daily

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

The opening verses of this gospel invite us to ask ourselves what do we see as our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?

At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit'. When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed, e.g., when a child or friend gave a hint that they would like to talk, and a very meaningful conversation ensued.

Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long that will last. So, Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we can drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

John Byrne OSA  
Email [jbbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbbyrneosa@gmail.com)

**St Nicholas Childrens Choir** is returning on Tuesday 13th September (6.30pm - 7.15pm)

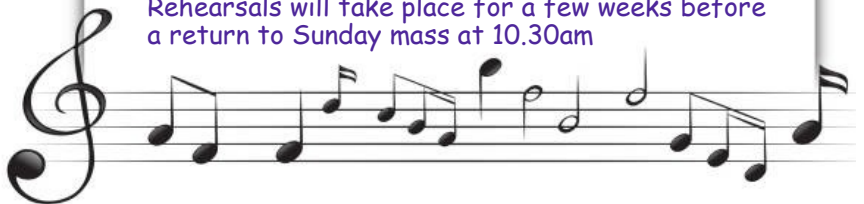
All boys and girls from second class upwards are welcome, including teenagers!!!!

Also needed are musicians both young and old

Please contact Kelly on 087 0514380.

Gina on 087 6728731.

Rehearsals will take place for a few weeks before a return to Sunday mass at 10.30am



The church collection for the week ending 31st July 2022 amounted to €723.50.

It is very much appreciated. Thank you.



Thanks for Your Support!



**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 061-341300

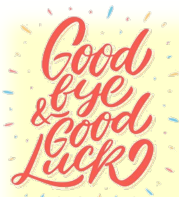
### Remembering those who are Sick



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 Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara, Bobby, Shane, Anna and Michael.

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



## Farewell Mass for Father Derek

Please note that 10.30am Mass in St Nicholas' Church, Wexbury on August 28th will honour Fr Derek's ten years of service in our parish. He will be present probably for his last Sunday Mass as our parish priest, since his new appointment commences in early September.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass in the Parish Centre, thanks to the generous commitment of our hospitality volunteers. Parishioners will thus have an opportunity to meet Fr Derek and indeed each other, over a cup of tea or coffee and share their good wishes for his future happiness and success.

We are grateful for the years Fr Derek has spent with us and wish him every blessing always. In the lovely words of John O'Donoghue:

"May the angels in their beauty bless you.

May they turn towards you streams of blessing."



**St Nicholas's Hospitality group** will be serving refreshments after 10:30 Mass on Sunday 28th August to mark Fr Derek Leonard's move from our Parish. We hope as many parishioners as possible can join Fr Derek at Mass and for refreshments on that date. If anyone would like to help with the refreshments please text Karen on 086 6045194 or MJ on 0872411044

**Childline Limerick** is currently recruiting for volunteers for our unit in Limerick city centre. Volunteers are trained to actively listen, empower and support young people on the phone or through web chat and text. Children and young people can contact the service to talk about anything that is on their mind and our goal is to ensure there is someone there to listen. If you feel you have a listening ear, and can commit to a four hour shift each week, then why not get involved in your local Childline service. If you would be interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Catriona by email at [Catriona.Mullahey@ispcc.ie](mailto:Catriona.Mullahey@ispcc.ie)



### Youth Ministry Coordinator (Three-year fixed-term fulltime contract)



diocese  
of limerick  
our catholic community

The Diocese is now recruiting a Youth Ministry Coordinator. The successful candidate will work on the delivery of the objectives and actions of the Young People theme in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, the vision of which is: "to create local opportunities for young people to meet their peers in the Eanáil Óg and replicate at local level, the success of the Youth Ministry at diocesan level and ensure that young people feel connected, involved and active in a multigenerational church whereby grandparents, parents and children minister to each other".

The role will involve the creation, resourcing, delivery and support of youth ministry programmes and initiatives across the Diocese, including with parishes and schools with a focus on building capacity in the local context. It will also involve engagement with Youth Work and other relevant Organisations (Voluntary and Statutory) both Regionally and Nationally as appropriate.

An **Application Pack with Job Description** (PDF) and an **Application Form** (Word) can be downloaded from <https://www.limerickdiocese.org/news/vacancy-for-youth-ministry-coordinator/> CVs will not be accepted.