



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Web Edition

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Every Sunday Holy Mass Online

With public masses suspended for the time being, we will continue to celebrate masses daily on our Parish webcam from St Nicholas church. To view, click [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

Our weekend online masses will be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10:30 and 12 noon.

Daily mass : 9:45am Monday to Friday



### Children's Newsletter



Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about next Sunday's Gospel. We have our Saint of the Week, Video of the week as well as a picture to colour!

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/childrens-newsletter101/>



### The one who I turn to Prayer

To the one who I turn to,  
in that hour as dark as hell.  
When no matter how I struggle,  
my fears cannot be quelled.  
When the pain that's given to me,  
is impossible to bear,  
I ask for help, and in response  
I feel that you are there.  
When standing quite unsure,  
about the path that I should take,  
I worry for the consequence,  
But that choice you help me make.  
Though I often say it,  
it can never be enough.  
Knowing we walk hand in hand,  
carves a smooth path from the rough.  
Thank you for being with me,  
as I face the day ahead  
and my soul envisions your embrace.  
when this earthly form I shed.

Mary O Farrell, Westbury



### 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)

### USEFUL CONTACTS

Covid support lines for older people:

**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)

**Garveys Supervalu** Tel: 083 120 3890 (8:00am-3:00pm)

Email: [supervalucorballydeliveries@gmail.com](mailto:supervalucorballydeliveries@gmail.com)



**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.  
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 John, Brian, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Pat and Michelle .

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

## The Deep End

### Jesus the Healer

In today's Gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered inappropriate.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as many people wanted to be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry is clearly a very popular and attractive figure. Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel what it takes to stay energised for our various ministries: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him and said, 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching.

We too are called to bring healing to others in any way that we can, to those who are seeking, those who are lost, those who are isolated. Jesus shows us that to do this we must be connected to that Divine Presence within us and in our world. Today we can ask ourselves, what do I need healing from? Bring this to Jesus in prayer. And also, how can I reach out, with a healing presence, to others, especially during this time of pandemic?

'I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings, and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace'. (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 254)

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A Sunday  
well spent  
brings a week  
of content.

What season is it  
when you are on a  
trampoline?  
Spring-time!

Why are trees very forgiving?  
Because in the Fall they "Let It  
Go" and in the Spring they  
"turn over a new leaf".

What flowers  
grow on faces?  
Tulips (Two-lips!)

