



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS: 7th May 2023

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES:



Monday and Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm
for Church related enquiries.

If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening times to the office, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

With Sympathy mass-cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available from the Parish Office.

Email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

Phone: 061 341300

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 9.45am
St Munchin's College Chapel.



WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, St Nicholas' church
Sun 12 noon , St Munchin's College Chapel

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

Masses from St Nicholas Church can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website 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 in the area to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events. Please

send details to

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com
with NEWSLETTER in the heading.

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP

"Be still and know...."

Our meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.30am in St. Nicholas' church prayer space.

Everyone is welcome. All you have to do is turn up "close your eyes and get out of Gods way".

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL collection is after masses on the first weekend each month

St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you could email them to:
PPCStNicholas@gmail.com



BAPTISMS



Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 5pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.
061 341 300

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are currently looking for some volunteers to take over the running of the CHILDREN'S CHOIR who sing at the 10:30 mass on Sunday and practice one evening a week.

Prayer for when I can't receive communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and 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



First Holy Communion



This weekend we celebrate First Holy Communion in the parish. These children have been preparing all year for this special occasion. It is always a great joy to celebrate the First Communion Mass. Pope Francis reminds us: *"The Eucharist is such a great gift. That's why going to Mass is so important. Going to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the Bread and Body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us and it makes us one with the Father. How beautiful!"* Beautiful indeed!

We congratulate the children and thank them, their families and their teachers for their tremendous efforts in preparing for this ceremony. We also thank our First Holy Communion Team for the time they spent preparing the children to receive this sacrament.

We have 3 more First Holy Communion ceremonies, dates are;

Sunday 14th May - Mr McGuire's Class

Sunday 21st May - Ms Kelly's Class

Sunday 28th May - Ms Lyndsay's Class

All ceremonies will be held in St Nicholas Church and all ceremonies will be at 10.30am

The month of May is a special time to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary.



HAIL MARY
*Hail Mary,
 full of grace,
 the Lord is with Thee;
 blessed art Thou among
 women
 and blessed
 is the fruit of
 Thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary,
 Mother of God
 pray for us sinners now,
 and at the hour of our death.
 Amen*

Trócaire

Our annual collection has to date amounts to €1229.22. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Milford Care Centre
 (Under the auspices of Little Company of Mary)

Milford Care Centre would like to thank the parishioners most sincerely for contributing to the recent Church Gate Collection.

St. Nicholas Church - €280.02

St. Munchins College Chapel - €268.05

LIMERICK BEREAVEMENT NETWORK
 IN CONJUNCTION WITH

Ospidéal OL
 UL Hospitals

LIMERICK
 Mental Health
 Association

Irish
 Hospice
 Foundation

Milford Care Centre
 (Under the auspices of Little Company of Mary)

**Date 8th May: Living with Loss,
 a bereavement and support evening**

Location CERC building UHL:
 7:00pm-9:00pm

This event is for all people who are bereaved.
 All are welcome to join regardless of how long
 ago your loss occurred or where your person
 died.

To book your place please go to:
www.eventbrite.com/cc/limerick-bereavement-network-1761579
 or Scan the QR CODE

Info@limerickmentalhealth.ie
 061 446786

Upcoming Irish Blood Donation Clinic Castletroy Park Hotel

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th May

16:15 - 19:30

Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment

New & Existing Donors Welcome

Did you know that approximately 1000 people in Ireland get blood transfusions every week?

Transfusions can happen for a variety of reasons - cancer treatment, surgery, car accidents, and childbirth complications to name a few.

Your gift could save a life!



Bereavement Information Evening

Venue: Milford Care Centre, Castletroy,

Date: Thursday, May 11th 2023

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Reg. from 6:45pm)

Milford Care Centre and Anam Cara, the national organisation that provides support services to bereaved parents and families, are hosting a Bereavement Information Evening in Limerick.

This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges their family may face after the death of a son or daughter.

Please note this event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you would like to start contributing to the Parish using the Offertory Envelope system, please call the



Parish Office and we will organise a box of envelopes which will have a number assigned to you.