



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

8th January 2023

## Baptism of the Lord



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### 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 Grace 086 8296193 or by

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



### Mass Times

**WEEKDAY** 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, St. Munchin's College Chapel

All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

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

**We need**

**YOU!**



### NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to join the newsletter team. Ideally two new volunteers coming on board would mean that each person would produce the newsletter once every three weeks.  
 It would help if you are familiar with Microsoft office and can use it at home.

If you think you have the necessary skills and time please contact Fr Richie 087 297 7500

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

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 email: [PPCStNicholas@gmail.com](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)

### St, Nicholas Pastoral Parish Council

meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise any items/issues at a meeting you could email your item to the following email: [PPCStNicholas@gmail.com](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)

### 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/>

We very much appreciate your contribution to the church collection for the week ending 1st January 2023 which was **€765.** Thank you.





**Parish Office Opening hours Monday and Thursday 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, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara, Bobby, Shane, Anna, Michael and Claire.

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 us know by E-mail: [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. Grace on 086 8296193

### January 8, 2023- Baptism of the Lord

Water is everywhere. It covers over 70% of the planet! Water comes in every form as it flows, freezes, evaporates, and then condenses once again. Such a simple thing. Yet, it contains immense power.

Clearly, water helps create change in our world and, not so surprisingly, within ourselves. Jesus' baptism was the beginning of His earthly ministry. His immersion in the water was a recognition that it could cleanse and renew, allowing for a changed life where God's will could be revealed.

Through our baptisms, we are renewed and made one in Christ. God, through the water, calls us to a shared ministry that brings healing, hope, and salvation to a broken and hurting world.

As water works within us, we called to work within the world to share the refreshing Good News of Jesus Christ, bridging the gap between the Church and our communities. We recognise that we can do so much more together than we can apart.

The power of the Holy Spirit in the water at your baptism lives inside you. Use it today and give to help build a world where all can achieve their God-given potential.



Resource UMC.org

**Epiphany** (or Theophany, as it is known in the Eastern Rite Catholic Church), also known as Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in His Son as human in Jesus Christ. The word epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation." The feast also commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

Typically celebrated on January 6, or the closest Sunday to that date, the feast of Epiphany allows us to truly comprehend what it means that God has brought His only Son into our world. The Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar - were the first people outside of the stable to come and pay homage to Jesus. These unlikely royal visitors showered Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, herbs typically used for burial, possibly foreshadowing Jesus' destiny.

The Magi were taking a huge risk in following the star to Bethlehem, but they trusted that God was leading them to something far greater than they could know. This is such a powerful example of how we as Christians should live our lives. Trusting that God knows what is best for us and that His plan, no matter how unattainable things might seem on the journey, will lead us to where we need to be. We should also have the strength to see Jesus in our lives in unexpected ways, and when we do, worship and adore Him.

The Epiphany not only signifies the calling of the chosen few, like the Wise Men, but it also is an invitation to anyone and everyone around the world to follow Christ. For the first time, God was physically present for people on Earth through His Son, no longer just a voice in the wilderness.



### Cats, Kings and Mongolian Adventures - Preachers stories from Medieval Limerick

Join us for this action packed historical talk at **St Saviour's Dominican parish hall.**

Fr Conor McDonough, O.P.

**Wednesday 11th Jan at 7.30pm**

Retiring collection for St Saviour's roof repairs

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

