

4th Sunday of Easter

"May you be proud of the work you do, the persons you are and the difference you make".

Sincere thanks to Precious and Michael Russell for their huge contribution to St Nicholas Church, particularly during the past two years. Their outstanding service during Covid was honoured on Easter Sunday with a presentation as a token of gratitude for their devotion and deep commitment to our parish.

EASTER CEREMONIES

Easter ceremonies here in St Nicholas' Parish this year were beautiful and much appreciated by all who attended whether in person or on line. A big thank you to all who helped to prepare liturgies, choir, singers and musicians, those who organised hospitality on Easter Sunday both after the Dawn Mass and 10.30 Mass and so many others who contributed as always, generously of their time and commitment to our community.

Mass for Examination Students

6.00 pm Mass on Saturday evening May 28th will be celebrated for all those studying and sitting examinations at this time.

Over the next few weeks, there will be a book available in the church in which the names of students who would like to be prayed for may be entered. This book will be placed on the altar during the mass.

May is Mary's Month



If you are in danger, if your hearts are confused, turn to Mary; she is our comfort, our help; turn towards her and you will be saved.

-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



It is hoped to reintroduce the children's choir, sadly missed during Covid, in September. Musicians are needed and also adult volunteers to assist in the preparations over the Summer months and later running practice sessions etc. Please contact Fr Derek if you are interested in being involved in this wonderful asset to our parish.



Trocaire

Your Trocaire boxes and donations can be returned at weekend masses or to the Parish Office during opening hours. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Music and a Chat!

Where: Every Wednesday afternoon between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm in the Scout Hall, Shannon Banks.

What: A friendly musical and social get together and a lovely opportunity to relax in pleasant surroundings.

This has been growing in popularity as people learn about it and all are welcome. There is a break for refreshments, a nominal charge of €3.00 and a good time guaranteed, so think about if you enjoy great music and company!

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:

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 8th May

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CONTACT NUMBERS

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 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

WEEKDAY MASSES

9.45am Mon, Tues, Wed, *St Munchin's College Chapel*.
 10am in *St Mary's* : Thurs and Friday.

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 to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

BAPTISM are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 4.30pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



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 Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara.

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.



for your continued support at the weekly church collections. Contributions for the Week ending 24th April 2022 was €717.00 and Week ending 1st May 2022 was €735.00

Lough Derg 2022



PILGRIMAGE SEASON RE-OPENS SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022

ONE DAY RETREATS

May, August & September

One Day Retreats are scheduled to take place on

MAY - 1st, 2nd, 7th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th and 30th

AUGUST - 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 28th and 29th

SEPTEMBER - 3rd, 7th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th

Admission €45 - Concessions for groups. Booking essential.



THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE

June, July & August

The Three Day Pilgrimages will commence on

Wednesday 1st June

and continue until

15th August 2022

(Saturday 13th August 2022 is the last day for pilgrims to begin the Three Day Pilgrimage)

Pilgrimage, in the words of Pope Francis, is

“the most eloquent expression of the faith of God’s people.”

Admission €80 - Concessions available for students, seniors & groups. Booking advised.



QUIET DAYS

May - Monday 9th | September - Friday 9th
 Admission €35. Booking essential.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

Pray the Pilgrim Path with us:
 Wed 4th May, Sat 21st May
 Wed 31st August, Mon 12th September
 10:30am - 4:30pm. Admission €25. Booking essential.



Pilgrim Path Day

Easter Monday 18th April

Join the Prior and Team for a guided walk on the lakeshore Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, to celebrate Pilgrim Paths Week. Donations welcome. Registration essential.

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