


27rd February 2022
Day of Prayer for Temperance

1. Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.
2. If we want to help other people, we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?
3. 'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.' This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives, then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.


Have you considered being a **Priest**?

Explore Priesthood: Join in on a **Zoom** to hear from Seminarians & Priests

Tuesday 1st March @ 8pm



Visit: vocations.ie/zoom for details



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From Catholic Bishops' Conference

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WHY THE ASHES?

THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY

1. ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
2. ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST
3. ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF, IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.
4. AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE BEING MARKED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"
5. THE ASHES COME FROM THE BLESSED PALMS USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR




FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT takes place [21 Feb – 6 Mar 2022](#). What can you do?

LOOK for the Fairtrade logo.

When you **BUY** tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate etc with this logo you provide a farming family in the developing world with a fair price for their product so they can live with dignity. Fairtrade is not charity. It is about justice. More information on www.fairtrade.ie

Save the date,
Community
Clean up on Good
Friday 2022.
To participate
Register now at



www.teamlimerickcleanup.ie

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



The lighter side

- Q: What season is it best to go on a trampoline?
A: Spring time!
- Q: What falls but never gets hurt?
A: The rain!



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 27th February

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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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

stnicholasnewsletter@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.



The total figure for the collection taken at the masses for the week ending 20th February 2022 is €597

ACT OF SPIRITUAL 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