



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

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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

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.

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 are still looking for volunteers to help with producing the newsletter. For more information, contact the parish office



We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, fundraisers, share good news, etc. please send details to saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

Or 061 341300

PARISH MEDITATION GROUP

"Be still and know...." Our meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10,30 in St. Nicholas' church prayer chapel. Everyone is welcome, especially those new to meditation. All you have to do is turn up "close your eyes and get out of Gods way".

PLEASE PRAY 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, those in hospital.

Please pray especially for Michael, William, Méabh, Eamon, John, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Liam, 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.

FACEBOOK for regular updates

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

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.



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish.

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

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





Dates for your Diary:

9 April:	Easter Sunday, Cathedraticum Collection
16 April	Divine mercy Sunday
30 April	Student's Collection, Vocation Sunday
3rd Sunday every month	Diocesan Needs collection
14 May	Limerick youth service collection

EASTER CEREMONIES

HOLY SATURDAY 10 April

St Nicholas Church

8.30pm Solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 11 April

6.30am Dawn Mass, **Athlunkard Boat Club**
10.30am Mass of the Resurrection, **St Nicholas**
12 noon Mass of the Resurrection, **St Munchin's**



Easter Weekend Prayer

Dear Lord, as we remember and celebrate you this Easter weekend, we are reminded of your goodness and all you have done to show your love for us. Life may not always be good, but you are and we are so grateful. We thank you for your amazing grace, your mercy and for all that Jesus made possible. May you be glorified in all that we say and do this weekend. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Hope For The Broken Hearted.com

DAWN MASS

Regarding the Dawn Mass...it seems excessive to have two dawn Masses a mile apart when we think of 16 parishes that may have no Mass at all on Easter Sunday in the diocese. Going forward we will treat the Dawn Mass as a Pastoral Unit dawn Mass. This year at Athlunkard boat club and next year The Irish Estates. It says 6.30 am on the schedule on the Easter Card but we will bring it back to 6am so as to begin in the dark. We hope to have some refreshments after in the rowing clubhouse on the grounds. Please join us to celebrate the highpoint of the church year.

Fr Richie



CARETAKER

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Brian Holman of Shannonbanks as caretaker of St. Nicholas church grounds. Brian will begin next week and will be available to us for 19 hours a week. You are most welcome Brian and we look forward to working with you.

How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

Why can't a rabbit's nose be 12 inches long?
Because then it would be a foot!

What did the rabbits do after their wedding?
Went on their bunnymoon!

What happened when the Easter Bunny met the rabbit of his dreams?
They lived hoppily ever after!