

St. Nicholas' Parish News

25th December 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY



We wish all our parishioners a joyful and peaceful Christmas
and many blessings for the New Year ahead.

Dear Parishioners,

As I prepare to spend my first Christmas among you, I want to begin by saying thank you for the really warm and friendly welcome I have received from you which is helping me to feel very much at home and wanted. Thankfully, my aim to be in my new home in the grounds of St. Mary's by Christmas has happened!

I look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with you this Christmas. I hope you all relax, enjoy the festivities with your loved ones and then we will face a new year with determination and hope and guided by the Spirit of God, as we help to build his kingdom on earth by faithfulness to Him and living that out in kindness and respect to others.

I want to thank Frs. Gerard and John for the warm way they have received the "new guy", change is never easy and I hope I haven't frightened them too much so far!

To all the children of the community, have a lovely Christmas, it is about Jesus, but Santa is right up there too! We all loved our Christmas childhoods with the sense of excitement and anticipation of Christmas morning! Ye enjoy it too!!!

Welcome home to all who are home from various parts of the world to spend Christmas with family; ye make their Christmas.

We keep a special place on our hearts for those who grieve the loss of a loved one this Christmas; may your faith be your consolation, and eternal life your hope! May your loved ones be in heavenly peace this Christmas, we pray.

It remains to say, I hope to see many of you over the Christmas weekend and wish each and everyone of you a happy, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

God bless,
Fr. Richie





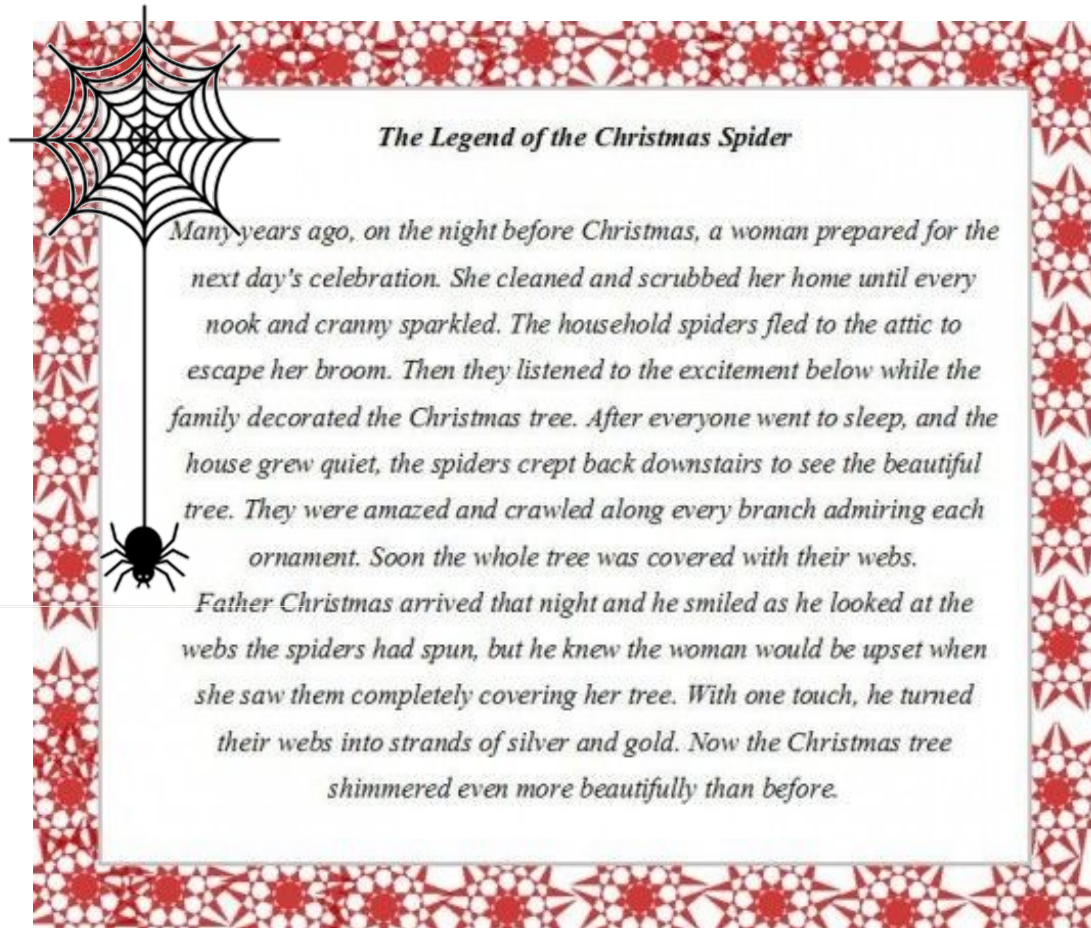
Remembering those who are Sick

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 Maura/Grace know by E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

Please Note there will be no Mass in St. Nicholas Church on St. Stephen's Day 26th December. You are welcome to join us for Mass in St. Mary's at 10:00 a.m.



Excerpt from letter to St. Nicholas Parish from Trócaire—

Dear Fr. Richard, Fr. Gerard, Fr. John and all parishioners,

Thank you so much for supporting Trócaire Gifts of Love, an incredible total of €1,468.65 was raised in the parish this December. Every gift helps to fight poverty and fear and ensures families and communities can make their lives better. To put it simply, it gives families and communities a loving hand up, rather than a hand out.

The Gift of Winter Essentials will help deliver warm winter clothing and waterproof boots for little ones. Plus tarpaulin and materials to repair leaky shelters. www.trocaire.org/gifts.

On behalf of everyone here in Trócaire, I would like to thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. With every good wish for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Caoimhe de Barra, CEO, Trócaire

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We very much appreciate your contribution to the church collection for the week ending 18th December 2022 which was €760.00. Thank you.