

# NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



## St Nicholas Parish

Mass Times  
 Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 10.00am  
**Parish Live Streaming of Masses**  
 from St Nicholas Church; log onto  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>  
 or via the parish website; [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie)



## St Mary's Parish

Mass Times  
 Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am  
 Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am  
**Parish Live Streaming of Masses**  
 from St Mary's Church; log onto  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Clergy Contacts

Fr Richie Davern 0872977500

Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.

Contact the Parish Office for more information and a Baptism Enrolment form.

### St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm  
 Email: [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)  
 Phone: 061-341300

### St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm  
 Email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)  
 Phone: 061-416300

You can contact the office if you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church. With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office

### PARISH FACEBOOK:

[www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)  
[www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick](http://www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick)

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events



Please send details for both parishes to [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com) with NEWSLETTER in the heading

**Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon. Items received after this time unfortunately cannot be included**

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may e found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



We offer our condolences to the family of  
 Gwen Hennigar R.I.P.  
 May she rest in eternal peace, Amen

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

#### Saturday 6.30pm

Pauline Neville 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

Sean O'Dwyer 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv, & his wife Cora

#### Sunday 10.00am

Pro Populo



We offer our condolences to the families of  
 Frank Junior Keane R.I.P.  
 Brian Muca McNamara R.I.P.  
 Tom Scanlan R.I.P.  
 Teresa Kennedy R.I.P.  
 Dolores (Dolie) Benson R.I.P.  
 Eddie Doherty R.I.P.  
 May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

### Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

#### Saturday 5.00pm

John Carroll M.M.

Margaret Stanley M.M.

Betty Healy Anniv

Joan Delahunty 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Patrick Lillis Anniv

Michael Ryan Kennap 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv & Birthday Remem  
 Special Intention

#### Sunday 11.30am

Esther Morrissey 16<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Special Intention

### Prayer 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 and those in hospital. 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.

### Prayer for when I can't receive communion



#### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



### Weekly Collection

The total collection for weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December amounted to;  
**St Nicholas Church** €369.88 &  
Diocesan Needs €252.12  
**St Mary's Church** €1402 &  
Diocesan Needs €704

We are very thankful for your continued generosity, and grateful for your loyalty and support.

**CHRISTMAS DUES:** A Christmas Dues envelope for the Parish Clergy has been distributed to houses throughout the parish during the week, along with a Christmas card detailing our Christmas ceremonies. We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have returned their Dues Envelopes. We are very aware that people are under financial pressure and sincerely thank all who are in a position to return their Dues envelope. The 'Dues' collection is used to support the Clergy of our parish. Many thanks for your continued support.



**St Nicholas Church Christmas Masses**  
Morning Mass as usual at 10.00am  
on Sunday 24th December

**Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass 6.30pm**  
**Christmas Day - Morning Mass 10.00am**



**St Mary's Church Christmas Masses**  
Morning Mass as usual at 11.30am  
on Sunday 24th December

**Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass 5.00pm**  
**Christmas Day - Morning Mass 11.30am**

**Parish Pastoral Council** meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council  
St Nicholas Parish Pastoral council email:  
[PPCStNicholas@gmail.com](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)  
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email;  
[stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)

### Limerick Blood Donation Clinic

Caherdavin Greenhills Hotel  
Thursday 28th & Friday 29th December  
1.50pm - 5.10pm  
New Donors welcome

Please phone 1800 222 111 for appointment.  
Did You Know.... Giving blood makes it possible for many people to lead normal healthy lives. Every year thousands of patients require blood transfusions in our hospitals, because they are undergoing surgery, recovering from cancer or have been in a serious accident.

### St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

Will resume after the Christmas break on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 10.45am in St Nicholas Prayer Chapel.

"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"  
All you need do is "turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"... Everybody is welcome.

### St. Nicholas Crib

This year marks the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first crib created by St. Francis of Assisi. It is therefore, most fitting that we have received this new crib in our parish this Christmas. We thank sincerely, the group of young men from St. Munchin's College Transition Year, under the guidance of Mr O Neill and Mr. Conneely, their chaplain, who constructed and created the crib for us. It is a Polish tradition to incorporate the altar into the crib. This of course reiterates, that while Jesus was first given to us when he was born a baby in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago; he is given to us afresh in the disguise of bread and wine each time we celebrate the Eucharist. We thank most sincerely the young men involved; their work has greatly enhanced our church this Christmas. They are undertaking a fundraiser next year, by walking some of the Camino, in aid of The Cliona Foundation, which helps support the families of sick children. The parish will contribute to this worthy cause and on the way out from Christmas Eve Mass, if you would like to show your support, they would be most grateful. Thanks again lads, it was a lovely project linking the college with the parish. Happy Christmas to all.

**All the Giving Tree** donations have been collected by St Vincent de Paul & Barnardos who will distribute to the needy in our community. Both organisations wish to express their thanks for your generosity. Your gift will make a child very happy on Christmas morning. Massive Thank You to all who supported this appeal.



To our many groups of volunteers, who all do trojan work, visible and invisible, throughout the year, we are so thankful for the time you freely give and your willingness to help out when needed. We are very lucky in both St Nicholas Parish and in St Mary's Parish to have such support from parishioners.

St Mary's Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
St Nicholas Parish Office will reopen on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

