

NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1

St Nicholas Parish



St Mary's Parish



Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 10.00am

Parish Live Streaming of Masses

St Nicholas Church; log onto

<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

or via the parish website; www.saintnicholasparish.ie

Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am

Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am

Parish Live Streaming of Masses

St Mary's Church; log onto

<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd 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 4th Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd 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

Phone: 061-341300

St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm

Email: 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/

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 your notice to

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

with NEWSLETTER in the heading

Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon. Items must be received before this time to be included.

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500



We offer our condolences to the family of

*Gwen Hennigar R.I.P.
May she rest in eternal peace, Amen*

Mass Intentions in St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Tom Hamilton Anniv

Sunday 10.00am

Sr Bridget Kennedy Anniv



We offer our condolences to the families of

Dolores Benson R.I.P.

Eddie Doherty R.I.P.

John O'Carroll R.I.P.

Teresa Purtill R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions in St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Margaret Lyons M.M. & her son William 30th Anniv

Anthony O'Donoghue Birthday Remembrance

Annette Tuthill Anniv

Gerard O'Leary 1st Anniv

Teresa Keane 38th Anniv

Deceased members of the Tobin & Edward Families

Deceased member of Shannon Rugby Club

Sunday 11.30am

Elizabeth Sheehan 3rd Anniv

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.



The total weekly collection for weekend of 25th/26th November amounted to;
 St Nicholas Church €1170
 Diocesan Needs contribution €30
 St Mary's Church €1230

Many thanks for your continued loyalty and support to the parish. Your donation is very much appreciated.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL collection this weekend after Mass in St Nicholas Church and in St Mary's Church

Parish Pastoral Council meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise an issue or make a suggestion, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council
 St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council email; PPCStNicholas@gmail.com
 St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email; stmarysparishlk@outlook.com

St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group
"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"
 Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45 in St. Nicholas Prayer Chapel. Everybody is welcome. All you need do is "turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"...

Advent Reflection Evenings



Time: 7.30pm

Venue: St. Nicholas' Parish Centre

Tuesdays: Dec 5th

Theme: Advent - making ready

Tuesday Dec 19th

Theme: A Poem for Advent

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS



Turning on the Christmas Tree lights in St Mary's Church on Friday 8th December at 7.00pm

Followed by a carol service in the church.



Carol Service in St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 12th Dec at 7.00pm

Please come and join us

St Mary's Pastoral Councils brought Fr. John for a meal on Thursday night to thank him for his years of ministry in both parishes. A travel gift voucher was presented to Fr. John on behalf of both parishes. We wish him health and contentment in the years ahead.



Irish Blood Transfusion Service Clinic
 Castletroy Park Hotel
 Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th December
 16:20 - 19:40
 New Donors welcome at all clinics
 For appointment, please call
 1800 222 111



ADVENT AT THE ABBEY 2023
 A SEASON OF OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday 3 December
 Stay Awake, Stay Alive!
 Columba McCann OSB

Sunday 10 December
 Prepare the Way for the Lord!
 John O'Callaghan OSB

Sunday 17 December
 Advent: The 'Call Room' for Christmas.
 Simon Sleeman OSB

GLENSTAL RETREATS

Talks take place at 4:30pm in the monastery library, followed by refreshments and Vespers at 6pm. Donation €20. Talks will be available afterwards as recordings. For further details and bookings email events@glenstal.com or call 061-621005

Alone

'Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie or for further information please contact Caroline on 086-0591399 or via email caroline.bradley@alone.ie

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.'

Formation Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Adult Formation Course
 Level 1A, 1B & 2A



Level 1A:
 Feb 12-17, 2024
 Level 1B:
 Oct 28-Nov 2, 2024
 Level 2A:
 June 28th - July 3, 2024

ABOUT THE METHOD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to Christian catechesis for children aged 3-12 years which enables them to experience and form an authentic relationship with God. The Catechesis is rooted in Scripture and the Liturgy of the Church and is inspired by Maria Montessori's principles of education.



COURSE INFORMATION FOR LEVEL 1A, FEB 12-17TH, 2024

Location: St. Saviours' Dominican Church, Limerick. (Access only by stairs-no lift)

Time: 9am-5pm daily

Cost: Early Bird Special: 200 Euros if registered by Dec 10th.

250 Euros (materials and snacks). Lunch not included. Bring a lunch.

Formation Leader: Sr. Theresa Anne Knuth, O.P. & Kasia Wita, Assistant

Contact: Sr Mary Emily, O.P. at limerick@op-tn.org for more details and to register

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME" (MT 19:14)

St Nicholas Parish Office will not open until 10.30am on Monday 4th December. Apology for any inconvenience