

"Is giorra cabhair Dé ná an Doras"
The help of God is nearer than the door

Our ancestors had this saying which stood them in good stead in times of trial and it reminds us that our God is near and that help is at hand, indeed nearer than we often think, to tell the truth.

During recent days, parishioners have been contacting members of the Pastoral Council to thank all those who gave so generously of their time in order to make Christmas in our church a safe and welcoming centre of celebration. It is a privilege to relay those sentiments to you all and to join in extending a word of gratitude to our priests, Fr Derek, Fr Gerard, Fr John and Fr Liam, not to mention the Salesian sisters, Sr Betty, Sr Kathleen and Sr Patricia all of whom sustain us spiritually throughout the year.

The many volunteers such as our sacristans, Precious and Michael, stewards, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, musicians, singers and so many more gentle and generous souls make our community of faith a vibrant and inspiring source of comfort, joy and hope. God bless them all.



May the coming year be one where kindness, as Jesus taught us, guides all our actions and where we are mindful that health and happiness are simple but priceless gifts.

A New Year message from St Nicholas' Parish Pastoral Council

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Covid support lines for older people:

ALONE 0818 222024

SENIORLINE 1800 804591

Community call, Limerick City and County :

Phone: 1800 852 389 or

email: covidsupport@limerick.ie

Volunteer stewards are needed for helping at weekend masses when they resume.

If you can help, please contact Fr.Derek or Maura 0879576148



HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...



A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

Anonymous



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 John, Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, Lilia, Muirinn, Orla..

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, please contact the newsletter by email or phone.



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 3rd January 2021, 2nd Sunday of Christmas



Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



All public masses are online from St Nicholas Church.

St Nicholas Church is open daily from 9am tpo 3pm for private prayers.

WEEKDAY 9.45am Monday to Friday

WEEKEND Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon

TOILET FACILITIES Please note that toilet facilities cannot be provided in St Nicholas' Church in order to adhere to strict Covid19 guidelines.



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

Newsletter stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com



Maura. 086 0429952

Grace. 086 8296193

The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page.

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/



PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.
Phone: 061 341300
email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



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 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.

SPIRITUAL ACT OF COMMUNION

