

NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



St Nicholas Parish

Mass Time
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



St Mary's Parish

Mass Times

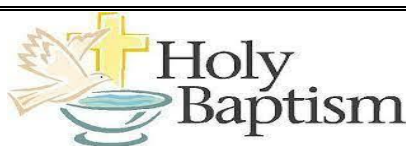
Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am
Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am

Parish Live Streaming of Masses
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<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys>

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th October 2025 Year of Hope

Clergy Contact Fr Richie Davern 0872977500
Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the last Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd Saturday in the month at 4pm

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 also available from the Parish Office

PARISH FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/
www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick

Parish News

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events
To include your notice, please send details for both parishes to saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the heading

Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon.
Items received after this time will not be included

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinginfo.ie or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of
Michael 'Mick' Hogan R.I.P.
Jeremiah 'Jerry' Murphy R.I.P.
Rita Ryan R.I.P.
Mary McCormick R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Myra Cosgrove (5th Anniv)
Pat Collins (8th Anniv)
Pauline Ryan (17th Anniv)
Maura Boland (12th Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

Anne Quinn (2nd Anniv)
Tony Meaney (23rd Anniv)
Mary Byrne (Anniv)

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Mairead & Jerry Geary (17th & 31st Anniv)

Sunday 10.00am

Martin Kearney (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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into 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.

Live Streaming of ceremonies from St Mary's Church & from St Nicholas Church. This means your image will be broadcast live during a Mass service when you are near the Sanctuary and in particular if you sit in the front rows.

Parish Pastoral Council meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant PC;

St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council email:

ppcstnicholas@gmail.com

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email;

stmarysparishlk@outlook.com



Last weekend's collection amounted to
€1735 in St Mary's Church
(this figure includes Shrine donations)
€446 Diocesan Needs collection
€356 in St Nicholas Church

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

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

Making a donation to the church by bank transfer

St Mary's Church Account

IBAN: IE11 AIBK 9352 4794 4621 73 BIC: AIBKIE2D

St Nicholas Church Account

IBAN: IE84 BOFI 9045 9525 8744 17 BIC: BOFIIIE2D

St. Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

Our group meets every Tuesday for about 20 minutes of meditation at 10.45am in St. Nicholas Parish Prayer Room. Everyone is welcome!

"All God asks of humanity is that they be faithful to the present moment."



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church

Wednesday 10.30am-11.30am (after Mass)

St. Nicholas Flame of Love Cenacle

Tuesday 7.00-8.30pm St Nicholas Prayer Chapel

New members welcome, under 18's cannot be facilitated until further notice. For more information; www.flameoflove.ie or call Rachel 0857536504.

Mindfulness Program:

Tending to the Space Within & Between Us

Join me for a four-week journey into greater presence and connection. *Tending to the Space Within & Between Us* is a mindfulness - meditation program designed to help you cultivate a more compassionate, grounded relationship with yourself and with those around you.

Starts: Monday, 6th October

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Location: St. Nicholas Parish Hall

Get in touch to learn more or to register at:
sharon@thegentlelifestyle.com 087-2713921

St Mary's Masonry Cleaning Project

St. Mary's Church is a majestic architectural feature of the urban topography of Limerick City, located in one of the most historical parts of the Limerick. This church designed by Architects Ashlin and Colman has stood proudly here since 1932. It replaced the 1749 Penal Church on the same site.

Both externally and internally, it is a beautiful testimony to how our past generations gave glory to God. It remains an iconic building in the area of King's Island and it holds a place of deep attachment and importance in the hearts of all who associate with The Parish.

We undertook a significant project to steam clean the masonry of the church exterior as well as the boundary piers and walls. The method used had to be approved by Limerick City and County Council Conservation Department as St. Mary's Church is a listed building. This work has now been completed and the result is beyond our expectations. St Mary's Church stone looks brighter and the tower is more emphasised now that years of grime has been removed. We hope, now that the external work have been completed, the building will continue to do what was intended by those who built it, to give glory to God, and that it will, for many generations, be a place of welcome to all in good times and in sad.

We appealed for donations to help fund this necessary project and to date we have received €12,795. We are very thankful to all who have made a contribution. If you would like to make a donation, please take an

envelope from the church and return it to Fr Richie or place it in the weekly basket. You can also donate using the QR code.



Once again, we thank you all for your continued generosity.

Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents in your community, will host a Bereavement Information Evening on **Thursday 9th October at 7:00pm** in the Castletroy Park Hotel, Dublin Road, Limerick. Our guest speaker is Dr. Tara Geraghty, a clinical psychologist with Cancer Care West. She has a special interest in supporting those directly and indirectly impacted by cancer related distress and bereavement. This is a free event but we would ask that parents register at; <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/anam-cara-bereavement-information-evening-tickets>

Please note that this event is open to bereaved parents only.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

October is known as World Mission Month within the Catholic Church, a time dedicated to celebrating and supporting the work of missionaries worldwide through prayer, awareness, and financial donations, particularly on World Mission Sunday, which falls on the second last Sunday of the month. The month highlights the responsibility of every Christian to be a witness to Christ and to show solidarity with younger, poorer churches through acts of kindness, prayer, and financial contributions