### 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 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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 at 4.00pm. Baptisms are held in St Mary's Church on the 1st & 3rd Saturday in the month at 4.00pm 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

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.birthinfo.ie or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



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

### Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Anne O'Connell (M.M.)

Deirdre Kelly (Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

Ken Crowe (5th Anniv)

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Sunday 10.00am

Mary O'Connor (1st Anniv) Tom O'Connor (19th 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



The collection for last weekend amounted to; €1573 in St Mary's Church (including Shrines donations) €980 in St Nicholas Church

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

### 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: BOFIIE2D

**Diocesan Needs Collection** will be held next weekend, (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month). This collection is forwarded to the Diocesan Office and used to fund central support services to parishes of our Diocese.

### 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.

Conference: Family, Life, Education; Our Hope for the Future. October 4th 2025 Knock House Hotel / By Zoom. The conference will focus on the importance of cherishing the family as the foundation for a stable society, respecting human life from conception to natural death and ensuring our children have access to a holistic education that nurtures their intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development. Promoting Christian values in Family. Life and Education will ensure the future wellbeing of our society. Conference speakers are chosen for their expertise, knowledge and experience in living, teaching and learning that God's way is nature's way. For more information see notice board

### Help Keep St Nicholas Parish Flourishing and Vibrant in Faith

(Parish wide consultation process on the future of our parishes)

Parishioners are at the heartbeat of every faith community. We are blessed to have people here in St Nicholas parish who have a keen sense of belonging and identity with the parish. The future of any parish depends on itself and on the people who are involved in their local church community. It is important from time to time for parishioners to reflect on the gift of faith and on the parish in which their faith is shared, celebrated and experienced.

This Autumn, the diocese is embarking on a parish wide consultation process on the future of all 60 parishes in the Diocese of Limerick. Bishop Leahy is inviting all parishioners to participate in this consultation process to help shape the future of pastoral units and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish on Wednesday 24th September in St Nicholas Church at 7.30pm.

As preparation for the meeting, we need to reflect on, how can we as a parish sustain our faith community into the future? Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral unit of parishes? What aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves? Many thanks for your support and assistance in the parish. We look forward to welcoming you on (date, time, venue).

# Monthly Saturday evening Mass at St. Nicholas Church

On a trial basis, we are going to have Mass on the **first Saturday** evening of each month at 6.30 pm, beginning on October 4th. If the Mass is well attended, we would have it from October to June. This is to facilitate those who cannot make the 5.00pm in St. Mary's Church, also we hope that families with young children who are involved in sports on Sunday mornings along with families with children celebrating either First Holy Communion or Confirmation will avail of this opportunity. Let's see how it goes.



Prayer Service for Peace. A lay-led prayer service for peace in our troubled world. Please join us on Sunday, September 28th at St. Mary's Church at 7.00p.m. in offering prayers, through word and

music as we dare to hope for an end to the conflicts that are causing so much heartbreak and destruction. Please invite a friend to join you.

"St. Mary's Adult Education Centre would like to invite you to celebrate Culture Night 2025 with us on Friday 19th of September from 4pm to 6pm at the centre, Learn to spray paint with tutor James Ryan, Learn the Walls of Limerick with Doris Ryan, accompanied by award winning Ed Costello on the button accordion, Get a taste of being an "Eco Friendly Citizen" with artist Jeffrey Gormely. Plenty for everyone to enjoy, "Bridging the gap between young and old with our diverse culture"