

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

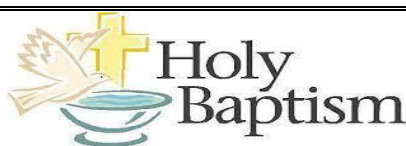
Parish Live Streaming of Masses

from St Mary's Church; log onto

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

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th January 2026

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.birthinfo.ie or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of

Ann Campbell R.I.P.

Marian O'Connell R.I.P.

Gerard Liddy R.I.P.

Marian O'Connell R.I.P.

Dawn Hogan R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Mary Ryan (1st Anniv)

Brid Griffin (4th Anniv)

Angelina McNamara (30th Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

Joseph & John Laffan (Anniv)

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Sunday 10.00am

Pro Populo

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.

New Year's Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we step into this New Year, we lift our hearts to You in gratitude for the blessings for the past year and in hope for the days to come.

Thank You for Your steadfast love, guidance and mercy that have carried us through every joy and trial, 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



We are very thankful for your continued generosity, and grateful for your loyalty and support. Last weekend's collection figure will be printed when the office reopens

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPE We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have returned their Christmas Dues Envelope which is for the support of our clergy. We are very aware that people are under financial pressure and sincerely thank all who make a contribution to this collection.

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: BOFIE2D

St. Nicholas Parish Meditation Group
Our meditation group is taking a break for Christmas. Meditation will return Tuesday 13th January. The prayer chapel is open daily for personal prayer.



**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.

**LIMERICK DIOCESAN 2026
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**
Led by the Bishop of Limerick, Most Reverend Brendan Leahy
DEPARTS 18TH & 19TH JUNE 2026
5 or 6 NIGHTS
From €995 per person sharing

For information and to book, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office:
Telephone: 061 - 350 000
Email: Lourdespilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org

New Year Message

We hope you had an enjoyable time over Christmas with family and friends. Now as we greet 2026, while we cannot foresee what this New Year will bring, but we can live each day knowing that God is our loving Father, that His Son has saved us, and that He has given us His Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. We can live each day also knowing that Mary, the mother of God, is also our mother, the mother of the Church, who intercedes for us with her Son.
As we begin this New Year, we, the priests of your parish, pray for you and all your families and loved ones. May the Lord Bless you, and Keep you Safe in 2026

Feast of the Epiphany Tuesday 6th January
Holy day of Obligation
Mass in St Mary's Church at 10.00am

The Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but it also focuses on his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana. In the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church, Theophany – as Epiphany is known in the East – commemorates the manifestation of Jesus' divinity at his baptism in the River Jordan. However, the meaning of the feast goes deeper than just the bringing of presents or the end of Christmas: "You can't understand the Nativity without Theophany; or you can't understand Nativity without Epiphany." The revelation of Christ as the Son of God – both as an infant and at his baptism – illuminate the mysteries of the Christmas season. Our human nature is blinded because of sin, and we're unable to see as God sees, God reveals to us the revelation of what's going on." The gifts the Wise Men brought – frankincense, myrrh, and gold – as gifts that point not only to Christ's divinity and his revelation to the Magi as the King of Kings but also to his crucifixion. In giving herbs traditionally used for burial, these gifts bring a theological "shadow, a sense of anticipation of what is to come." Certain traditions have arisen around the feast, here in Ireland, it is also known as Women's Christmas (Nollaig na mBan) where women rest from housework and cleaning and celebrate together with a special meal.

St Nicholas Parish office
open Monday 5th January 2026
St Mary's Parish Office
open on Wednesday 7th January 2026

Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education and self-teaching. Croom and Henry Street, Limerick Contact Celia 086-1526966/Www.grow.ie

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