

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 14th & Sunday 15th February 2026

Clergy Contact Fr Richie Davern 0872977500
Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held at 4.00pm in both churches
St Mary's Church on the 1st & 3rd Saturday in the month
St Nicholas Church on the last Saturday in the month
Contact the Parish Office for more information



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 cannot be included

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

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
Angela Keogh née Galvin R.I.P.
Jim Ryan R.I.P.

Catherine Costelloe R.I.P.
Mary McNamara R.I.P.
Denis Griffin R.I.P.
Mary Healy R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Mary Healy (M.M.)
Patrick Collopy (1st Anniv)
Josephine McNamara (5th Anniv)
Eugene Forde (5th Anniv)
Michael 'Gull' McNamara (Anniv) also remembering deceased members of the McNamara Family

Sunday 11.30am

Lillian Quirke (M.M.)
John Cregan (2nd Anniv)
Mary Philomena Ryan (Anniv)
Brendan Peters (6th Anniv)
Gerard McMamara (7th Anniv)
Noel & John McNamara (Anniv)



We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of
John de Courcy R.I.P.
Martin Kennedy R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Sunday 10.00am

John Bourke (1st Anniv) & his wife Patricia (4th Anniv)

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.

Child Safeguarding

If during Mass or any other services in the church, a child needs to use the bathroom, they must be accompanied by an adult member of their own family. This is in clear compliance with church policy

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;
€1485 in St Mary's Church and
€1026 in St Nicholas Church

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

Diocesan Needs Collection will be held this weekend. This collection is forwarded to the Diocesan Office and used to fund central support services to parishes of our Diocese.

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

St. Nicholas Parish Meditation Group LENT 2026

For the 5 weeks of lent, our themes for our meditation will be based on the gospel for the following Sunday. Our meditation begins with a short reflection followed by 20 minutes of quiet meditation.

We invite you to join us this lent - an opportunity for you to simply rest in the presence of the Lord.

Tuesdays, 10:45am - 11:15am

St. Nicholas' Prayer Chapel.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church

Wednesday 10.30am-11.30am (after Mass)

Renovations to St Mary's Secondary School

During the building work to St Mary's Secondary School all the religious statues have been moved to another location to avoid any damage. The statues will be returned to the school when the work is complete.

Congratulations to the 6th Class pupils of Scoil Íde who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. A huge thank you to parents/guardians, family members and teachers who supported the children in the preparation for this special sacrament.

Milford Care Centre10K Run & Walk will take place on Sunday 22nd February from 12noon. Sections of the Dublin Road will be closed on the day to facilitate the event. Come out along the route to support the participants.

Ash Wednesday - 18th February 2026

marks the start of the Lenten Season, a period of fasting, repentance, and reflection.

St Mary's Church

8.00-9.00am Distribution of Ashes at the door of St Mary's Church (*to facilitate people passing on their way to work*)

10.00am Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes

St Nicholas Church

6.30pm Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes

Trócaire 2026 will focus on Rwanda

Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Irish Catholic Church. We work in partnership with local development and humanitarian actors, to support people and communities to tackle the root causes of poverty, injustice and violence and to use their own power to create positive and lasting change. **Trócaire** is rooted in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, the social teaching of the Church, which inspires us to live out the Gospel message of inclusion, love, justice and dignity for all. It is inspired by Scripture, the wisdom of Church leaders, and the lived experience of grassroots movements. In the words of Trócaire's founding document, in which the bishops of Ireland gave the organisation a strong and clear mandate, 'We know that we cannot claim to love God if we do not love our fellow men and women.'

The theme of the 2026 **Trócaire** Lenten campaign centres on the story of a multi-generational, female-led household in rural Rwanda. At just 28 years old, Uwamahoro is carrying the weight of three generations on her shoulders. She supports her mother, Verediana, 68, who lives with a disability, her daughter Ineza, 7 and her niece Vanessa, 12. Earning just 60 cent per day working on the land, Uwamahoro is doing the best she can to feed her family and keep the children in school, but it's never enough.

You can help **Trócaire** to help Uwamahoro, help her family, help her community by donating to **Trócaire**. Lenten box is available from the back of the church.

Vocations Holy Hour at the Cathedral

Please join us Wednesday 18 February at St. John's Cathedral 7pm-8pm to pray as a diocese for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage. The young people of our diocese need our prayers to help them hear God's call! Each Vocations Holy Hour includes prayerful music, moments of silence, led prayers (Scripture, litany, decade of the rosary, intercessions), a short testimony, Exposition and Benediction. This month, Father Richard Keane will be our celebrant and give a short testimony on the vocation of the diocesan priesthood and our music will be led by Áine Blackwell O'Connell. We hope to see you there!

Chrism Mass 2026

Bishop Brendan Leahy invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday, 1st April at 7:30 pm in St. John's Cathedral. This is an important diocesan celebration and a lovely experience especially for those who may not have previously experienced the Mass of Chrism. During the Mass, Bishop Brendan will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick. The priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry. The Diocesan Choir will sing at the Chrism Mass.