

NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



St Nicholas Parish

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm 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/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

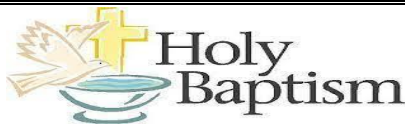
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December *3rd Sunday of Advent*

Clergy Contacts

Fr Richie Davern 0872977500

Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4th Saturday in the month.
Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of 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 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

PARISH NEWS

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 unfortunately cannot be included

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



Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Frank & Maura O'Mahony

Sunday 10.00am

Pro Populo



We offer our condolences to the families of
Ann Marie Casey R.I.P.
Ann Heal née Franey R.I.P.
Mary Patricia 'Maudie' Harrold R.I.P.
Thomas Garvey Jr R.I.P.
Patrick 'Paddy' McDonnell R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Elizabeth 'Betty' O'Donnell (M.M.)
Carmel Harrington (12th Anniv)
Brian McNamara (1st Anniv)
Frank Keane Jnr. (1st Anniv)
Marie 'Mary' Hannan (16th Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

Marie & Annie Flynn (Anniv)
Gerry Moore (3rd Anniv)
Anthony Fogarty (1st Anniv)
Deirdre Martin (6th Anniv)
Eileen Kirby & husband Patrick 'Paddy' (Anniv)
Ernest Schaaf (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.

Prayer for when I can't receive communion

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish Pastoral Council meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council
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 € 715 in St Nicholas Church and €1321 in St Mary's Church (including donations to Shrines)

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

Diocesan Needs Collection this weekend. Money raised from 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: BOFIIIE2D

St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group

"...Let us go to a quiet place and rest a while"
Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45am in St. Nicholas' prayer chapel. Everyone is welcome.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church
Wednesday 10.30am-11.30am
(after Mass)

CHRISTMAS DUES: A Christmas Dues envelope will be distributed to houses throughout the parish during the coming week, along with a Christmas card detailing our Christmas ceremonies. We are very aware that people are under financial pressure and sincerely thank all who are in a position to return their Dues envelope. The 'Dues' collection is used to support the Clergy of our parish. Many thanks for your continued support.

Weekly Offering Envelope

If you contribute using this system, the 2025 box is available for collection from the Sacristy.

A huge *thank you* to all who came along to clean St. Nicholas' church for Christmas! In particular thanks Charlie for putting up the star on the crib! We really appreciate all the help.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Toy Appeal

We had a great response to our annual 'Giving Tree' appeal in St Nicholas Church, Huge thanks to all who purchased a gift. Your gift will be distributed to a child in need in our area.

A massive Thank You to the students from St Munchins College, under the guidance of Tom Conneely, Chaplin to the School, who constructed the crib around the Altar in St Nicholas Church again this year. These students will talk briefly at our Christmas Eve Mass in St Nicholas Church about their mission to walk part of the Camino in 2025 to raise much needed funds for the Cliona Foundation. They will hold a collection afterwards and would be very grateful for any donation to their fundraiser.



Our Lady's Shrine, St Mary's Park



We want to say a big thank you to Limerick Regeneration for arranging to have the entrance gates and railings beautifully restored on the 70th anniversary of the opening of the shrine to Our Lady in St. Mary's Park. Thank you very much.



St Nicholas Church Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Christmas Day - Morning Mass 10.00am



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St. Nicholas Flame of Love Cenacle

Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm 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.