

# 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 *Second Sunday of Advent*

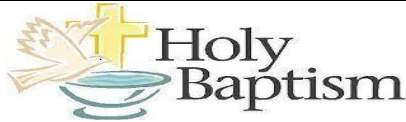
## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Clergy Contacts

Fr Richie Davern 0872977500

Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)  
Phone: 061-341300

### St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm  
Email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto: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/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)  
[www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick](http://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

Please send details for both parishes to [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**PARISH NEWS**

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



We offer our condolences to the families of  
Mary Patricia 'Maudie' Harrold R.I.P.  
Elizabeth 'Betty' O'Donnell 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

Sr. Pierre O'Connor (M.M.)

Joseph O'Donnell (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv) father Patrick, Niece Nicole

Patrick Lillis (46<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Myra Tyrrell (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

#### Sunday 11.30am

Sr. Pierre O'Connor (M.M.)

Thomas Scanlan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

Mary O'Donnell (Birthday Rem.)

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

#### Saturday 6.30pm

Fr Eamonn Kearney (Anniv)

Pat Laffan (Anniv)

Tommy Hamilton (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Kathleen & Edmond Mangan (Anniv)

#### Sunday 10.00am

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### 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](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)  
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)



**The total collection for last weekend amounted to €770 in St Nicholas Church and €1371 in St Mary's Church (this figure includes Shrines)**

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

**Collection this weekend** for the Sick and Retired Clergy of our Diocese. Thank you for your contribution.

**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**

"...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)

**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](http://www.flameoflove.ie) or call Rachel 0857536504.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers who might give one hour to clean St. Nicholas' Church on Wed, Dec 11th from 7pm. If you can bring along a Hoover, or dusters, etc it would be great. Thanking you in advance. *Parish Pastoral Council*

**St Vincent de Paul**

**ANNUAL TOY APPEAL for Christmas.**

**The Giving Tree** has tags on it representing a child SVP help in our area.

If you would like to help, take a tag and purchase a gift for the child's age on the tag, to the value of approx. €15. You can return your gift to the church, unwrapped and with t. attached (this makes it easier to ensure that the gift goes to the correct age range. Your gift should be returned no later than Sunday 15th December. Once again, we thank all who have returned a gift.



**The Knights of Saint Columbanus** will hold their Churchgate collection at Saint Mary's Church this weekend to aid Fuel for the Poor of Limerick. The proceeds from this yearly collection go to purchasing fuel for the needy of our parishes. We thank you for your generosity and wish you well for the holy season of Advent.

**Vocations**

Please pray for eight young men who will be participating in a Monthly Discernment Group for the Diocesan Priesthood, beginning after Christmas in Limerick. Is God calling you or someone you know to join this group? Contact Sister Mary Sheila, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Limerick to schedule a meeting: [vocations@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@limerickdiocese.org) or 083-364-5818.

The Irish catholic Bishops' Conference are delighted to be bringing you our digital **Advent Calendar** again this year. Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of *#Hope*, the 2024 calendar offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025. To access the calendar please visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>



**Christmas Tree Lights**  
Will be turned on in  
St Mary's Church  
6.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December  
followed by  
Carol Service in the church.  
All Welcome



**St Nicholas Church Annual Carol Service**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**  
followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre  
All welcome



A limited third reprint of the book, "The Story of Athlunkard Street" by Denis O'Shaughnessy will be on sale from Monday in the Credit Union office and in McMahons Butchers. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.  
**A great Christmas gift!**

*Mass of Remembrance*

We at Griffin's Funerals would like to invite you, your family & friends to a Mass of Remembrance in St John's Cathedral on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This is to honour the memory of our deceased loved ones and show support to all who have suffered loss through bereavement in the past year. Mass will be beautifully enhanced with music by Joan Cunneen & The St John's Cathedral Choir.