

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>

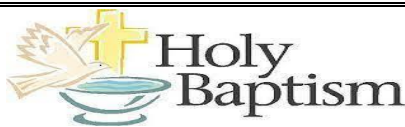
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September 2024

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



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



We offer our condolences to the family of Mary O'Connor née Cronin R.I.P.

May she rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Saturday 6.30pm

Rory Long (Anniv)

Mary Rea (Anni)

Sunday 10.00am

Pro Populo



We offer our condolences to the family of Avril Hogan R.I.P.

Christopher Pickford R.I.P.

Paschal O'Reilly R.I.P.

Breda McNamara R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Gerry Mulhern (R.I.P.)

Keith Hehir (6th Anniv)

Kathleen Duhig (38th Anniv)

Tyler Kelly (2nd Anniv)

Patrick O'Donoghue (19th Anniv)

Mary Bourke (6th Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

Liam Vaughan (M.M.)

Michael & Margaret Vaughan (Anniv)

Deceased members of the Gilligan Family (Remb.)

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

Season of Creation
September 1st -October 4th 2024
SEEDS OF HOPE



Creation is groaning (Romans 8:22)

The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. Saint Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. How can Mother Earth look after us if we do not look after her? Creation is groaning because of the unsustainable actions that harm her. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather actively strive for new life amidst the struggles.

This year's symbol: First fruits of hope (Rom 8:23-25) Hope is given to us by God as a protection and guard against futility. Only through hope we may realise the gift of freedom in fullness. Freedom and responsibility enable us to make the world a better place. Only when we work together with Creation can the first fruits of hope emerge.



The collection in St Nicholas Church
 amounted to €876 - 24th August
 €594 - 1st September
 €295 - Diocesan Needs
The collection in St Mary's Church
 amounted to €1588 - 1st September
 (including shrines donations)

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

Diocesan Needs Collection next weekend (3rd Sunday in the month). 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: BOFIE2D

St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group
"Come, sit a while and catch your breath."
 Our parish meditation group returns Tuesday 10th September at 10,45 in St. Nicholas' church prayer chapel. Looking forward to welcoming old and new members! Just simply turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way.



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 or call Rachel 0857536504.

The Relics of St Bernadette
will visit Our Lady of Lourdes Church on
Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th September

Wednesday 11th September:

- 3.00-3.30 pm Welcoming of the Relics & Water Gesture
- 3.30-6.30 pm Veneration of the Relics. During this time Priests will be available for Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 7.00-8.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist & Ceremony of Healing of the Sick led by Bishop Brendan Leahy
- 8.30 -10.00 pm Torchlight Procession concluding with private veneration

Thursday 12th September:

- 7.00 - 10.00 am Veneration
- 10.00 am Morning Mass
- 11.00 am - 2.30pm Veneration & opportunity for schools to visit
- 3.30 pm Closing Ceremony

Note:

A special box will be present for those who wish to leave petitions to St Bernadette & Our Lady of Lourdes.

Lourdes Water will be available to take home - please bring a small container.

Bernadette Soubirous was born in Lourdes, a small town in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains in the year 1844. She was born into a poor but loving family, who suffered many hardships. This simple peasant girl was chosen to give the message of the love God has for all mankind "as the adopted children of His Blessed Mother."

In 1858, she saw the Virgin Mary eighteen times at the Grotto of Massabielle: the Apparitions of Lourdes were authenticated in 1866 by the Bishop of Tarbes. In that same year, Bernadette left Lourdes to live out her religious vocation within the community of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers. She entered the convent of the Sisters of Charity, where she carried out humble work and was not given any special treatment. In silence, she endured extreme pain as she became seriously ill with tuberculosis of the lungs and bones. This humble saint died at the age of thirty-five and was proclaimed blessed in 1925, then a saint in 1933.

Milford Care Centre
 (Under the auspices of the Little Company of Mary)

Bereavement Support Education Programme
 This classroom-based course commences on the Wednesday 18th September for a total of 12 weeks (7-9pm) and includes a non-residential personal development weekend. The course aims to offer insight and awareness into the issues and dynamics of grief and loss from death. This course will appeal to a wide variety of people in their private and professional lives. Open to all who have contact with and concern for the bereaved. If you have any queries and would like more information, please contact Estelle McGinley, Senior Social Worker. Tel: 086 7814587 or E.McGinley@milfordcarecentre.ie