

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>

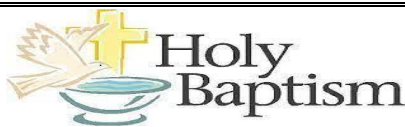
Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th December 2024

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

PARISH NEWS

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 families of
Nessa O'Connell R.I.P.
Kathleen 'Kitty' Barry R.I.P.
Ann Marie Casey R.I.P.
Ann Heal née Franey R.I.P.
Mary Patricia 'Maudie' Harrold R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Pro Populo

Sunday 11.30am

Peggy & Cyril Guerin (Anniv)

Jenny Ring (17th Anniv)

Mary Philomena Ryan (20th Anniv)

Joseph O'Donnell (Anniv)

Geraldine Bedford (15th Anniv)

Oscar Carey (7th Anniv)

Deceased members of the Carey & Minihan Family



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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
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email;
stmarysparishlk@outlook.com

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
"...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: Sincere thanks to all who have returned a Dues envelope to support the clergy of our parish. We are very aware that people are under financial pressure and we are very grateful for your donation. Many thanks for your continued support.

We are blessed with a large group of dedicated volunteers who help in so many ways doing trojan work throughout the year, visible and invisible. We are so appreciative of the time you freely give, and your willingness to help out when needed. We are very lucky in both St Nicholas Parish and in St Mary's Parish to have such support, without which we could not manage. We sincerely thank all the people who support the church financially; your contribution is essential to keep Your Parish alive and we Thank You most sincerely for your generosity. A huge Thank You to all

This Saturday, 28th December, will be the last 6.30pm Vigil Mass in St Nicholas Church until further notice. There is Mass at 5.00pm every Saturday in St Mary's Church for those like to attend a Vigil Mass. Unfortunately, this is the reality we have to work within.

Morning Mass in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 1st January will be at **11.00am**



St Nicholas Parish Office
Reopens Thursday 2nd Jan

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope



The opening of the Holy Door by the Pope marks the beginning of the Jubilee. The Holy Year of 2025 includes this ritual, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass on Christmas Eve inside St. Peter's Basilica. The inner wall sealing the Holy Door was recently dismantled, and the metal box containing the key to open the door was retrieved. The Pope symbolically pushes the door open, while the traditional use of a hammer to strike the brick seal on the outside has been discontinued for safety reasons. After the ceremony, the door remains open for the entire year to allow pilgrims to pass through. This gesture signifies a complete experience of the indulgence associated with the Holy Year.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

An information card from Bishop Leahy is available at the back of the Church for you to take away

May the New Year fill your home
with joy, your heart with love, and
your life with laughter. & may God
bless you today and every day.

Happy New Year.