

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/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th January 2025 Year of Hope

Clergy Contact Fr Richie Davern 0872977500
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 also 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

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 unfortunately will not be included



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

Angelina McNamara (Anniv)
Alice Jackson (6th Anniv)
Peggy Hayden (3rd Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

John & Joseph Laffen (Anniv)
Josephine Howard (2nd Anniv)
Eddie O'Brien (11th Anniv)



Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Sunday 10.00am

Paddy Reid (9th 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 Holy 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.

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

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 Offertory collection for the weekend 28th & 29th December amounted to €1635 in St Mary's Church and €909 in St Nicholas Church

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

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. Your Dues envelope can be returned to the basket.

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
We are taking a break for Christmas.
Meditation returns Tuesday, 14th January 2025 at 10.45am in St. Nicholas' Prayer Chapel.



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.

A Prayer for the New Year

May God make our year a happy one,
By strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
By making us sturdy to travel any path;
By taking fear from our heart;
By keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
By showing us when people need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy
to us for the year ahead.
Amen

Feast of the Epiphany 6th January **Holy day of Obligation** **Mass in St Mary's Church at 10.00am**

This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

Planned Giving Envelope Box for 2025



The 2025 supply has been distributed, but some houses do not have a letterbox and the box could not be delivered. If you did not receive your box, please call to the sacristy after Mass as it may be here.

By contributing using this system, the Parish can claim the tax back on your donation - making your donation of greater benefit to the Parish. In order to claim the tax back, the Parish must have a record of your donation, and the Planned Giving Envelope creates this record. Cash placed in collection baskets does not qualify for relief, as it cannot be traced back to the donor. The Tax Relief Scheme makes your donation go further if you (a) pay income tax, (b) if your donation in any given calendar year to the Parish collections for Dues and the Weekly Offering is €250 or more. The tax you have paid on that amount will be refunded to the Parish.

What you need to do if you would like to contribute using this system: Contact the Parish office for a box of envelopes, which will have a number assigned to you (and we will be able to record your donation against your number)

At the end of the financial year, if you have contributed over €250, the Parish will generate a CHY3 form and this form, once signed by you, will be submitted to Revenue. The CHY3 forms last for 5 years, so the parish will not need contact you yearly.

We are very thankful to all who support the Church collection