

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

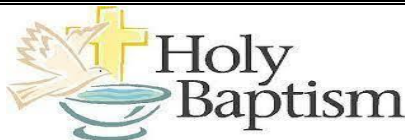


St Mary's Parish

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 1st & Sunday 2nd March 2025 Year of Hope

Clergy Contact Fr Richie Davern 0872977500
Salesian Sisters 061-348510



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

Parish News

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 will not be included

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



We offer our condolences to the family of
Gerard Dean R.I.P.
John Sean Moloney R.I.P.
Sr. Josephine Gleeson R.I.P.
Patrick Wacker Collopy R.I.P.
Stephen O'Donoghue R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

Saturday 5.00pm

Mary Ryan (M.M.)
Anthony O'Donoghue (24th Anniv)
Patricia O'Donoghue (Birthday Rememb.)
Leah Cantillon (3rd Anniv)
Mary Frawley (3rd Anniv)
Evelyn Hickey (10th Anniv)
Thomas Hickey (42nd Anniv)

Sunday 11.30am

Pauline & Mick O'Gorman (Anniv)
Anne Doherty (1st Anniv)
Patrick Murphy & his son Adam (Anniv)
Veronica O'Brien (9th Anniv)
Brian O'Brien (2nd Anniv)
John & Kathleen Cosgrove (Anniv) &
Deceased members of the Cosgrove & Cronin families



We offer our condolences to the of
John Bourke R.I.P.
May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

Sunday 10.00am

Pro Populo

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.

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 total collection for 22ND & 23RD February 2025 amounted to €1775 in St Mary's Church (including donations to shrines) €515 in St Nicholas Church

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

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)

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.

Ash Wednesday March 5th 2025
Distribution of Ashes

St Mary's Church

8.00am-9.00am Distribution of Ashes at the door of St Mary's Church for people passing on their way to work
10.00am Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes

St Nicholas Church

6.30pm Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes

May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise

The 6th class students from Scoil Íde school will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 8th March in St Mary's Church. We remember the children in our prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament

Trócaire 2025 will focus on Guatemala

Trócaire began working in Guatemala during the 1980s when the violence of the internal armed conflict was at its most extreme. The work focused on international solidarity and supporting the thousands of Guatemalans scattered across refugee camps in Mexico and Honduras who were fleeing the violence.

Trócaire established its office in Guatemala in 2001. Through support for local organisations committed to working with the poorest, most vulnerable and excluded sectors of Guatemalan society. The Guatemalan office currently works in three programme areas: Human Rights and Access to Justice, Women's Rights, and Disaster Risk Reduction.

This year **Trócaire** tell this story through, Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at trocaire.org

Trócaire boxes are available for you to take home

Carlo Acutis, Teenage Saint

Bishop Leahy has just published a new book on the teenager saint, Carlo Acutis, who died in 2005 and will be canonised in April this year. In the book entitled, *In Conversation with Saint Carlo Acutis!* Bishop Brendan invites readers to imagine a personal conversation with Carlo, exploring his wisdom, faith, and passion for spreading the Gospel. With reflections on his love for technology, sports, and care for the poor, this book explores also Carlo's prayer and love for the Eucharist.

Copies of the book are available through Amazon or on sale at the Abbey Bookshop in Limerick (Phone: 061-400252) or at St. Paul's bookstores. Orders can also be placed with St. Paul's by email: sales@stpauls.ie or Phone: +353 01 628 5933 or WhatsApp: +353 89 482 3784. See also the Website: <https://stpauls.ie/product/in-conversation-with-saint-caelo-acutis>

The next Thomistic Institute talk is on Monday, 10th March at 7pm in the parish hall of St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick. The speaker will be Sr. Jane Dominic Laurel O.P. on the topic of "Suffering and the Narrative of Redemption: Why God allows us to suffer". This should be a very interesting talk. Feel free to invite a friend. Hope to see you there!

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together".

You can be a **Pilgrim of Hope** for others by

- Taking a short-term Pioneer Pledge for Lent.
- Spiritually adopting someone who is on an Alcohol Treatment program.
- Learning the 12 Steps of the AA fellowship.

More information at www.pioneerassociation.org