

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The "You shall be my Witnesses" programme begins tomorrow, **November 11th**, in St Nicholas church from 7.30-8.30pm, and will run for four Mondays until December 2nd. The children are reminded to bring along their program journal each Monday.



Life

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road
To sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things
But never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place
Far greater than we know
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow

And when the journey finally ends
We'll claim a great reward
And find an everlasting peace
Together with the Lord.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHILDREN OF KOLKATA (CALCUTTA)

With the kind permission of Fr. Derek Leonard P.P, I Seosamh Ó Cuinneagáin (JoeCunningham) would like to make my annual appeal for donations on behalf of the StreetChildren of Calcutta at the weekend Masses on the Saturday 16th November and Sunday 17th November 2019 in the churches of St. Nicholas and St. Munchins. All donations go directly for food and education for the Street Children of Calcutta. Without your help, this work would be impossible. Thanking you in advance for your kind contributions for this worthy cause.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh, Seosamh Ó Cuinneagáin.

MEETING FOR READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting for all readers and eucharistic ministers serving in our parish on Thursday 21st November at 7,30 in St. Nicholas Church.

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD



There will be prayers for deceased relatives and parishioners of St Nicholas Parish and St Mary's Parish in the graveyards on :

Sunday November 17th at 3pm in Mt St Laurence Cemetery

Sunday November 24th at 3pm in Mt St Oliver

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION EVENING

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tue 26th November 2019 from 7pm - 8.30pm. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is free.



CHY4 Tax Rebate— Reminder

Thank you to all who returned their tax rebate forms. As the deadline is near, outstanding forms should be returned to Fr.Derek, the sacristy or Parish Office as soon as possible. Under legislation, if you are a PAYE or Self Assessed tax payer, and your annual contribution to the parish is above the minimum amount of 250 euro, the Revenue Commissioners will forward a tax rebate directly to the parish at no extra cost to the donor.



Limerick Lions Club are holding their annual church gate collection on November 16th and 17th for those in need at Christmas.

Maranatha Healing Retreat

Sunday, 17th November 2019 at 2.30 pm through the Ministry of Fr.John Walsh, Limerick and Lay Speaker Eilish Carter, Nenagh. Mass at 5 pm. All are welcome.



PARISH POSADA



Next weekend (16th/17th November) we begin preparation for our parish posada.

Posadas (Spanish for inns) is an advent tradition revolving around the concept of hospitality. During Advent a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel on a roster basis around our parish visiting a different home every night.

If you would like to welcome Mary and Joseph to your home, you can sign up after all masses next weekend. The home receiving Mary and Joseph on December 23rd must bring them to the 9pm vigil mass in St. Munchin's college Chapel. By signing up for Posadas, you are agreeing to sharing your contact details with the person before and after you on the rota.

FUNDRAISER FOR SHARE A DREAM FOUNDATION

Fundraiser on the day will hold card readings, therapies and all kinds of stalls that offer a range of products Cakes, Jewellery, Books, Xmas Logs, Beauty products, Nutrition, Hats, Home-made Jams, Candles for all occasions, Face Painting and more. Full list will be added over the next couple of weeks. We all know the good work that Share a Dream Foundation do, let's give them a helping hand in making a dream come through for a child today. Admission €5. Kid's free Event page will be updated regularly so you will know all the happenings on the day. Admission €5 Kids free. All welcome. On Saturday 23rd of November @ Deebert House Hotel Kilmallock.



St. Nicholas Parish News

Sunday November 10th 2019

32nd Sunday in Ordinary time, Prisoners Sunday

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WEEKDAY MASSES:

St. Munchin's College:
9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 7.00pm
Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 6pm Saturday, 10.30am Sun

St. Munchin's College: 12 noon Sunday

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc. To be sent in to: Maura. 086 0429952, Grace. 086 8296193 or Email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com by 6pm Wednesday.



SAINTS DAYS

November 10 St Leo the Great

11 St Martin of Tours

15 St Leopold

16 St Gertrude



Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for anyone who may need to book masses, get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Phone: 061 341300

ADORATION CHAPEL: The Adoration chapel is open from 9.30am to 6pm daily. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.



Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one month's notice.

Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month. Times: Saturday 5pm

St. Nicholas church and Sunday 1pm St. Munchin's College.

ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Boys and girls from 1st class up (any school) are welcome to join. Practice is every Wednesday from 6.30 to 7.15 in St. Nicholas Church. The choir sing at 10.30 mass every Sunday.

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those who are preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital.



Continue to pray for Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Kiera, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Mary, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Bernadette, Gwyneth, Young Michael and Eoin.

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.

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc. please contact:

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Maura 086 0429952/Grace 086 8296193

The Deep End - 'Children of the Resurrection'

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus, using a slightly exaggerated and absurd case about whose wife someone will be in heaven if they have married many times. They have no faith in the resurrection and therefore do not grasp that in a place of peace, justice and freedom, people cannot be 'owned' or 'given.' Questions like the one posed by the Sadducees ignore the radical freshness of the Kingdom of God. All we really can be sure of is that that place will be radically different to anything we know, a new creation.

We are all 'children of this world' who are called to be 'children of the resurrection.' You might recall today someone who has passed away, who is some sense, because of their influence on people, 'lives on' in the lives of those they touched. But they are 'children of the resurrection' not because of their own goodness, but because of the power of Christ to raise us from the dead.

Let us use this week to notice the moments of resurrection all around us. God's Kingdom is also here and now, if we allow ourselves to be present and aware to this ongoing 'new creation'.

'You were born a child of light's wonderful secret - you return to the beauty you have always been.' - Aberjhani

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