



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

**Sunday 11th August 2019**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Mass times:

**St Munchin's College.**

**9.45am.** Mon, Tues & Wed.

**St Nicholas, Westbury**

**7.00pm** – Thursday

### Weekends:

**St Nicholas 6.00pm** – Sat.  
 (Summer months)

**10.30 am** – Sunday

**St Munchin's College**

**12 noon** – Sunday



Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc. Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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**by Wednesday please**

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### Feast Days – August

**Mon 12** – St. Attracta

**Tue 14** – St. Maximilian Kolbe

**Thurs 15** – Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

**Sat 17** – Our Lady of Knock

## The Deep End—Ever-ready

Nowadays, many houses have security systems. We can have our homes monitored, 24 hours a day, to make sure they are safe. The really advanced systems even allow us to tap into the cameras from our mobile phones. We don't have to stay awake all night in case someone tries to burgle our home - the system takes care of everything. There are so many technologies available whose focus is to help us be prepared for all eventualities; we have apps for everything from predicting the weather to alerting us to traffic delays.

There are no such luxuries in the parables. The men who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast cannot afford to sleep. They won't receive an alert to their phone when their master arrives home. They have no option but to wait up. In the short parable of the householder and the burglar, Jesus again emphasises the importance of 'standing ready.'

Of course, Jesus is not really talking about watchmen and burglars, or being physically prepared; he is talking, rather, about spiritual alertness. It might seem morbid, but ask yourself this: if you were to die tonight, would you be ready? Your answer might tell you something about the areas of your life that need work. Another way in which we can be 'ever ready' is to be open to the Holy Spirit. When our hearts are alert and open, we are more likely to see God's goodness in those we meet, and be ready to welcome his grace into our lives.

We could not imagine being without our gadgets and apps and all of the things that make our lives easier. Valuable though they are, there is something more valuable - indeed priceless - at stake.

*Triona Doherty*  
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## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The opening verses of this gospel reading invite us to ask ourselves what we see as our purpose in life. What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?

2. At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.' When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed? Perhaps when a child or friend gave a hint that they would like to talk, and a very meaningful conversation ensued?

3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long it will last. So Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

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### Parish Office Opening hours.

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—12.30. for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house. Phone: 061-341300

### Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 9.30am to 6.00pm each day. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.



### Baptism

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 5.00pm Saturday evening (for summer months) St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



### St. Nicholas' Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 17th August, 2019

Coach leaves St. Nicholas' Church at 8:30a.m.

St. Munchin's College Gate at 8:35a.m.

Fare €12

Names taken in Sacristy or ring 345 681

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 38th Anniversary

Departing from Shannon on 5th Sept 7 nights half board accommodation 725 euro, Full religious programme accompanied by Marian Pilgrimages spiritual directors Fr T Egan, Fr D Quirke. Contact John O'Brien group leader 086 8586304

### Limerick Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome - October 2019

Bishop Brendan Leahy is leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman. The new saint visited Limerick twice in 1852 and 1854 and resided for some time in the Diocese. The pilgrimage will depart on a Ryanair flight leaving Dublin at 4.30pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, returning from Rome at 9pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>.

For further details please contact Limerick Diocesan Office on Tel. 061-350000. Email: [office@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:office@limerickdiocese.org)

### Lough Derg 2019

The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Tuesday 13 August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organiser BREEGE MORRIS 086 2725875



Maranatha Healing Retreat on next Sunday 18th August, 2019 through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. John Walsh, Limerick and lay speaker Heidi Gilroy, Kildare at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick at 2.30 pm. All welcome.



### Remembering those who are Sick

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those 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, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Mary, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse 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 let Maura/Grace know by E-mail:

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**Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August 2019. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.**

**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION ANNUAL GROTTO MASS** will be held on Thursday 15th August in Cratloe Grotto at 7.30pm.

### Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer

Guest Speaker Sr. Briege McKenna. Saturday 31st August, Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20.00 available from Veritas, Benedictus bookshop & St. Anthony's Stores Cork. Also available from Muintir Mhuire Charity shops Youghal and Midleton. Online at [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie). Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy [0862959380](tel:0862959380)

