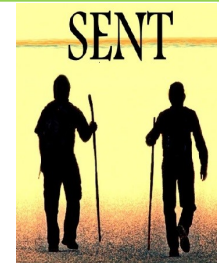




St. Nicholas' Parish News



Sunday 11th July 2021
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Important Notice on Public Masses

Numbers at each Mass are limited to 80. We ask that you come early to ensure a place.

We will be returning to our regular weekday Mass schedule of Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:45am in St. Nicholas Church.

All are welcome to join us for Mass at 10am in St. Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

We encourage everyone to adhere to the safety protocols when joining us for Mass; Social distance Sanitize your hands Wear a face mask.

We continue to celebrate masses daily on our Parish webcam from St Nicholas church.

To view, click www.saintnicholasparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv



Prayer for when you can't receive communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

The Deep End — The first mission

Two phrases come to mind as I read about the disciples heading off on their first mission: 'baptism of fire' and 'to be thrown in at the deep end'. We use these expressions to describe a difficult introduction to a new job or activity, when we are expected to learn as we go and cope with whatever obstacles we face. In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out on their first mission. It is a challenging one and his instructions are brief and very specific: they are to bring nothing but a staff - no food or money - meaning they will have to rely on the hospitality of others for all their needs. They are to stay wherever they are welcomed, rather than move around from house to house, so they can't be choosy about their lodgings. Simplicity is key - no baggage, no luxuries, no distractions, nothing but the task of reaching to people. It might not be plain sailing, but Jesus offers advice for those difficult times too.

It appears their mission of preaching and healing was successful, as we are told the disciples came back eager to fill Jesus in. Imagine the experiences they must have had during this time - the people they met and helped, the generosity of those who welcomed them, the conversations on the road, the chance to share their excitement at everything Jesus was doing. They were certainly thrown into a challenging situation, but they returned with a fresh perspective and strengthened faith. Jesus calls us to step out into the unknown, his words as our guide and his bond with us unbreakable.
'A boat is safe in the harbour, but this not the purpose of a boat.' (Paulo Coelho)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Useful Contacts/Numbers

- ◆ COVID-19 Support Line for Older People—ALONE - 0818 222 024. SENIORLINE 1800 804591
- ◆ Community Call—Limerick City and County Council Tel 1800 852 389 E-mail covidsupport@limerick.ie

TOILET FACILITIES Please note that toilet facilities cannot be provided in St Nicholas' Church in order to adhere to strict Covid19 guidelines.



Parish Office Opening

hours Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm 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

Baptism



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

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 John, Brian, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dymrna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle and Aoife.

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

Today is my Gift to You

Here are 10 pointers to get along better with others:

- (1) Say less than you think. Cultivate a calm voice, how you say it often means the most.
- (2) Make promises sparingly, keep them faithfully.
- (3) Never lose opportunities to say a kind word to or about somebody. Praise work well done.
- (4) Be genuinely interested in others. Let everyone you meet feel that you regard them as if they are the only person that matters in the world.
- (5) Be cheerful as best you can.
- (6) Keep an open mind on all debateable questions. There's a big difference between discussing something and arguing something without listening to a different viewpoint.
- (7) Don't give in to gossip. It is so destructive.
- (8) Respect the feelings of others.
- (9) Pay no attention to those who think less of you. There are always knockers in this world but know that there are many more people willing to uplift and encourage.
- (10) It won't cost you anything, smile!!

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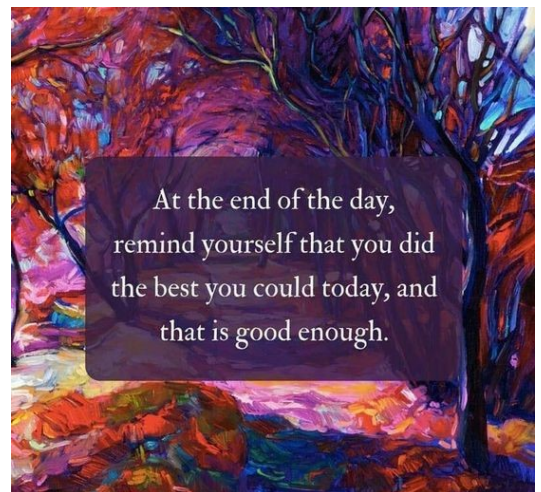
SOLIDARITY

We are connected as a human family and if one of us suffers, we all suffer.



SOCIAL JUSTICE JULY

Solidarity means standing shoulder to shoulder with the most vulnerable among us. We urge you to please consider donating a vaccine to someone who needs it today. You can do this through the UNICEF website—www.unicef.ie. Since March they have delivered 80 million vaccines to 129 countries but funding is a huge concern. Together we can make a difference!



At the end of the day, remind yourself that you did the best you could today, and that is good enough.

GOD CREATES EVERYONE

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago". "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

