

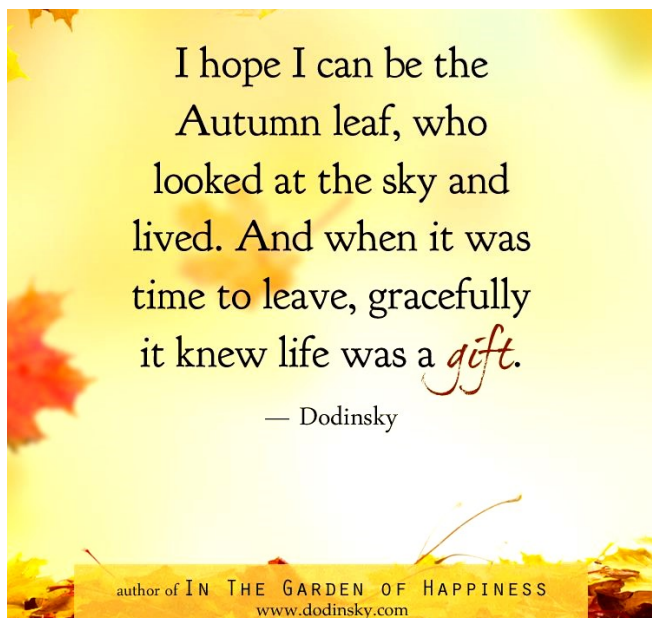
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Life through the lens of the Gospel

There are three figures in this parable. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way, where the important thing was not the hurt you had experienced, but the fact that the wayward person had found a way to a healthier life?

You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you - when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.

People often find it easy to identify with the older son, feeling that the father went overboard in the reception home for the wayward son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?

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Anam Cara Camino Walk

Date for the diary: The Rescheduled date for Camino Walk is May 2023

We are delighted to announce that we have rescheduled our much-anticipated Camino walk to Sunday 21st - Sunday 28th May 2023. See our website for further details and a revised itinerary.

If you wish to register your interest in the meantime, you can email s.dagg@anamcara.ie or complete the registration form online. www.anamcara.ie/friends-and-supporters/fundraising/

St Nicholas' Pastoral Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise any items/issues at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

ST NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR is returning on Tuesday 13th September (6.30pm - 7.15pm) All boys and girls from second class upwards are welcome, Including teenagers!!!! Also needed are musicians both young and old .

Please contact Kelly on 087 0514380 or Gina on 087 6728731.

Rehearsals will take place for a few weeks before a return to mass Sunday mass at 10.30am

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YOUTH 2000

KILCOMMON PILGRIM PATH

When: SAT 17th SEPT
Who: Young Adults (18-35)
What: Hike Kilcommon Pilgrim Path W/ Mass @ Mass Rock
Where: Kilcommon, Co. Tipp

Followed by Adoration-Vespers-Pizza Dinner at St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick

RSVP TO:
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ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 11 September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE 061 341300

OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries. If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening times to the office, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

With Sympathy mass cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available from the Parish Office.

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASSES Summer schedule

Until October, there will continue to be no weekday mass in St Munchin's College Chapel. All are welcome to join us in St Mary's for 10am mass daily

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, *St Nicholas' church*

Sun 12 noon, *St Munchin's College Chapel*

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

Masses from *St Nicholas Church* can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website www.saintnicholasparish.ie or

<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

You can download the free app from the App store and click on St Nicholas church in the Limerick section.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

BAPTISM are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 4.30pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



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.

Please pray especially for Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Shane, Anna, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara.

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.



for your continued support at the weekly church Collections, €711.33 week ending 4 Sept,

Trocaire contribution €38.67

Youth Ministry Coordinator

(Three-year fixed-term fulltime contract)

The Limerick Diocese is now recruiting a Youth Ministry Coordinator. The successful candidate will work on the delivery of the objectives and actions of the Young People theme in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, the vision of which is: "to create local opportunities for young people to meet their peers in the Eaglais Óg and replicate at local level, the success of the Youth Ministry at diocesan level and ensure that young people feel connected, involved and active in a multigenerational church whereby grandparents, parents and children minister to each other".

The role will involve the creation, resourcing, delivery and support of youth ministry programmes and initiatives across the Diocese, including with parishes and schools with a focus on building capacity in the local context. It will also involve engagement with Youth Work and other relevant Organisations (Voluntary and Statutory) both Regionally and Nationally as appropriate.

An Application Pack with Job Description (PDF) can be downloaded from this link. You can download an Application Form at www.limerickdiocese.org/news/vacancy-for-youth-ministry-coordinator/

CVs will not be accepted. Please note that the closing date has been extended to Friday, 16th September 2022.