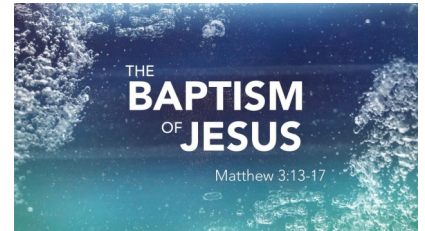




# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 12th January 2020

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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.  
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 — Jan

**Mon 13** — St Hilary of Poitiers  
**Tues 14** — St. Felix of Nola

## The Deep End—Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave into him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others?

Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives we meet these 'signposts' which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love. Let us celebrate all of these 'baptismal' moments today.

Jane Mellett  
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### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.
2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?
3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, one on whom rests the grace of God?
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?

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**Meditation** will start again next Tuesday 14th January at the Salesian Sisters' home at 3, Oakton Road, Westbury.  
All are welcome



### 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

### 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 St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



### Reminder!

that the closing date for applications for Scoil Ide September 2020 is 1st February. Applications should be made on [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie)

### Maranatha Prayer Ministry

Maranatha Healing Retreat next Sunday, 19th January 2020 at 2.30 pm through ministry of Fr. Robbie Coffey, limerick and Sr. Rose Miriam, Dominicans, limerick at St. Paul's Church, dooradoyle, limerick. Mass 5 pm.

All welcome.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** ex Cork June 30th - July 7th 2020. €725.00 pps (Half board in Hotel Leone, 2 mins from Church). Spiritual Director Fr. Pat O'Donoghue. Group Leader: Sean O'Shaughnessy. €200.00 deposit secures place. Some places still available. Contact 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

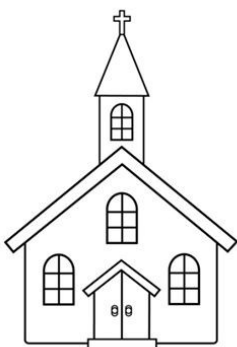
**Thank you** from Shannon Banks Scout group to all who supported the Crib Collection for Pieata House. The total collected was 385.00 Euro. Also, thank you to those who bought the Wreaths and Yule Logs for Focus Ireland. The total raised was 180.00 Euro. Presentations will be done in the next few weeks.



**Dóchas**  
Midwest Autism Support

Annual Church Gate  
Collection

takes place on this  
weekend 18<sup>th</sup> and  
19<sup>th</sup> January



### 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, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Young Michael, William and Méabh.

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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or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

### Parent Plus Adolescent program

The very successful Parent plus Adolescent program will be run again in the Parish, beginning Monday 13th January. Parent plus Adolescents is an evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16 years. For further information, and to secure your place, contact Sr. Kathleen 0872120880. More information about the program is available at

[www.parentsplus.ie/programmes-about/adolescents-11-16-years](http://www.parentsplus.ie/programmes-about/adolescents-11-16-years)



The Saturday evening choir are looking for new members. You do not need to tryout or read music to participate. Any instrumentalists wanting to

accompany would also be very welcomed. If anyone is interested in joining please contact any member of the choir.

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