PARISH OFFICE

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am - 12.30 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.



BAPTISM

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6pm Sat. St.Nicholas church, Sunday 1pm St.Munchin's College.



FUNDRAISER BINGO NIGHT

For Ardscoil Mhuire Corbally

Tuesday, 14th May at 7.30pm.

Adults €10 Students €5.

All welcome. A fun night promised

MEDJUGORJE CONFERENCE and Day of Prayer

with Sr. Briege McKenna Saturday 31st August 2019 Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20.00 available on Eventbrite.ie. Enter discount code EARLYBIRD for discount price of €15 available until 31st May 2019.

All tickets purchased included in entry for free pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Cork or Dublin. Booking fees apply. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380



THE ROSARY FOR MAY

At 6pm each evening, Monday to Friday, for the month of May, the Salesian Sisters invite you to their home to pray the Rosary.

SPECIAL LIMERICK / CLARE PILGRIMAGE

(last remaining seats) based in Fatima 9th – 14th June 2019 will be in Lisbon for Feast Day of Saint Anthony. Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 086-0572216

PRAYER FOR FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN



God bless you as you receive Eucharist on your First Holy Communion! May the love of Jesus shine in your heart now and forever"

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Abraham Lincoln

Remembering the Sick



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, Niamk, Jesse, Bernadette 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:

stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com

Or Tel: Maura 086 0429952, Grace 086 8296193



Scoil Íde will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 15th May to facilitate teacher in-service training on the new Primary Language Curriculum.

MARANATHA PRAYER MINISTRY

Healing retreat on Sunday, 19th May, 2019 at 2.30pm at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. Charles, Monks of Moyross, Limerick.



All are welcome.

COME & SEE, VOCATIONS RETREAT

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

Perhaps you're longing for something more in your life? Perhaps God is calling you to live your life as a diocesan priest? Perhaps you are uncertain, but would like to learn more?

This retreat is a look into the life of Priesthood being held in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on the weekend of 18th/19th May. Minuimum age is 18 years. For more information please Email: info@vocations.ie

Please take home a copy of this newsletter. We encourage you to avail of it to promote upcoming events, let us know if someone needs prayers etc.



SUMMER MASS TIMES

For the Summer months, beginning in June, the Saturday evening mass in St Nicholas church will be at the earlier time of 6pm.

For those who wish a later mass on Satur-

day, mass in St Mary's is at 7:30pm.

The change of time will help facilitate Fr Derek and Fr John in trying to cover both Parishes and hopefully will better suit Parishioners.



Fr.Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287 Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268 Salesian Sisters 061 348510 MASS TIMES

<u>Weekdays:</u>

St.Munchin's College 9.45am.Mon,Tues & Wed. St.Nicholas, Westbury 7.00pm Thursday <u>Weekends:</u>

St.Nicholas: 7pm Sat. 10.30am Sunday St.Munchin's College 12 noon Sunday

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

to be in to: Maura. 086 0429952 Grace. 086 8296193 Email: stnicholaspnewsletter @gmail.com By 6pm Wednesday please.

SAINTS DAYS May

14 St.Boniface

15 St. John Baptist de la Salle

16 St.Brendan

Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared. -Buddha

St. Nicholas Parish News

Sunday May 12th 2019

4th Sunday of Easter, Vocations

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The Deep End • I know them

John's Gospel is sometimes referred to as the 'spiritual Gospel,' as it has beautiful, reflective passages. During the Easter season, we read and hear mostly from John. It is a lovely opportunity to meditate more deeply on the Word. Today, we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd and of his people as the flock. We hear the words 'I know them.' Jesus knows each person intimately. He knows our deepest desires, our worries and fears, our insecurities and pain. Jesus is as close to us as our own breathing. Nobody can interfere with this intimate friendship, even though at times we may feel differently.

We may experience discrimination because of our faith, or be attacked in some way. When things are not going so well, we may feel as if Jesus has abandoned us; sometimes we simply want to give up on the whole thing. We become distant. Let this passage be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us and knows our struggles. We simply need to share those struggles and fears with Him, for 'no one will snatch them [you] out of my hand.' We may forget this from time to time.

This week, can you spend five minutes each day meditating on this passage? Focus on the breath. A phrase to repeat might be: 'Jesus, I know that you are as close to me as my own breathing.'

Jane Mellett,

mellettj@gmail.com





Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday **Priest** is a special day for everyone in our parish. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that wemay be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to

God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Milford Care Centre is offering a Bereavement Support Education Programme, commencing on Wednesday 18th September 2019 and will run over 12 consecutive Wednesday evenings with a non-residential personal development weekend on 4th -6th October 2019.



Fees apply, and some bursaries are available.

An Information Evening for the programme is taking place on Wed 15th May 2019 at 7.00pm in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick.

If you are interested or would like to get more information, please contact Ciara Labanyi (Social Work Department) at c.labanyi@milfordcc.ie or 061 201791 or Geraldine Aherne, (Education Department) at g.aherne@milfordcc.ie or 061 485841.