

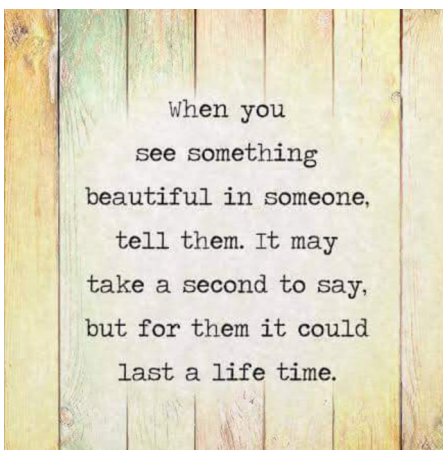
‘By my words, I will show you my faith’

In the second reading today from St James we read, ‘What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?’ And in our Gospel reading we hear: ‘The way you think is not God’s way but man’s...’. These are challenging texts which remind us to reflect on what path we are walking as followers of Jesus. Jesus’ path was radically different to what people of his time expected of a Messiah. It was a path that would lead to much sacrifice. Being a Christian today means following Jesus’ example, being counter-cultural and making sacrifices for a greater good.

Today is also the second Sunday in the Season of Creation, a time we are called to explore our relationship with nature, God’s creation. Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si’* - On Care for Our Common Home that ‘We are not God’ (LS, 67). He challenges us to re-examine our vocation to care for creation. In the past we misinterpreted God’s words in Genesis to mean that we could have dominion over all of creation, own it and plunder it for our own use. Pope Francis invites us instead to explore our role as carers of creation and reminds us that the very first commandment we were ever given was to be protectors of this beautiful world. Yet, we know the earth cries out to us and that we are living through the sixth mass extinction of life on this earth due to human activity. Ecosystems are collapsing; biodiversity is in crisis.

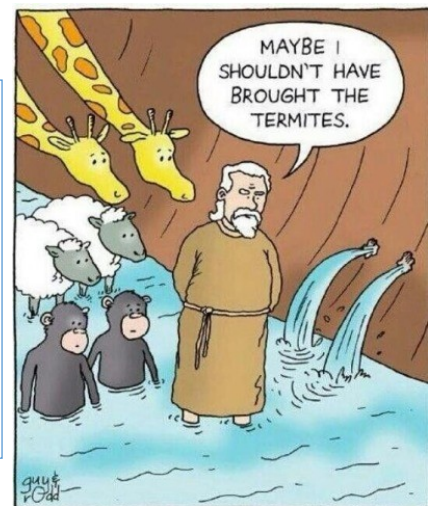
Laudato Si’ is a hope-filled document, reminding us that we can set out on a new path, that we are capable of turning things around. One key action each of us can take this Season of Creation is to plant a native Irish tree. Each parish, diocese, family, school, university can engage in this symbolic action to help Restore Our Common Home. This week, gather two or three people and explore what can be done, mindful that our Gospel today urges us to walk God’s ways not man’s.

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Feast Days September

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| 13 | St John Chrysostom |
| 14 | Triumph of the Cross |
| 15 | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| 16 | Saints Conelius and Cyprian |
| 17 | St Robert Bellarmine |



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 Ailish, Frank, Fiona, Niamh, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Orla, Ruby, Carmel.

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.

Stewards are needed for weekend masses. If you can help, please talk to any steward.





ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 12th September 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



WEEKDAY

9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, **St Munchin's College Chapel**

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

WEEKEND

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

12 noon, St Munchin's College Chapel

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



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

Grace. 086 8296193



The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page.

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.
Phone: 061 341300

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

We encourage everyone to adhere to the safety protocols when joining us for Mass: Social distance, sanitize your hand and wearing a face mask.

Our Saturday evening Mass at 6.00pm and our Sunday morning Mass at 10.30am continue to be celebrated in St Nicholas Church.

Both these masses are streamed live. To view, click www.saintnicholasparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv

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 IN 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.

**SPIRITUAL ACT OF
COMMUNION**

