

THE DEEP END - By Triona Doherty

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The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful - but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel - taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

Congratulations to the Scoil Ide children who received the sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday.



Wishing you every blessing as you welcome the Holy Spirit into your hearts and into your lives.



We sincerely thank you for your continued support. Your donations help to fund the day to day costs of keeping our churches open.

In recent months we have incurred additional costs to ensure we comply with Covid19 precautions, and to instal our webcam, which ensures our Masses can be viewed by all who cannot attend the services in person.

The public health restrictions on how many people can attend Mass in person has impacted our finances greatly.

For your safety we no longer hold a basket collection during Mass, instead we have placed the basket at the church entrance/exit if you wish to contribute.

Thank you once again.

How to wear a face covering: Cover your nose and mouth.



Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice



Nope.



Not quite.



Try again.



That's the one!



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ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 13th Sept. 2020, 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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St Munchin's Chapel reopen from 13th Sept

Weekday: St. Munchin's chapel, 9.45am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Weekend: St. Nicholas Church

Saturday: 6pm and Sunday: 10.30am

St. Munchin's Chapel, 12 noon

Places are limited during public mass in accordance with public health guidelines, Mask wearing is advisable,

Thank you for cooperating with the stewards instructions at mass.

LIVE STREAMED PARISH MASSES

Masses from St Nicholas church can be viewed live via the parish webcam.

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

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

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



Please send to

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am - 1.30pm for Church related enquiries.

Phone: 061 341300



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.

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, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Orla, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Kiera, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Amy, Anna, Gwyneth, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Séamas,

Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, Dymrna 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, please contact the newsletter by email or phone.

FEAST DAYS

September

- 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 St Cornelius
- 17 St Robert Bellarmine