



FIRST COMMUNION

Upcoming **Do This in Memory** 10.30am Sunday masses for First Holy communion preparation: November 10th, December 8th

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St. Nicholas Parish **Confirmation date** is Saturday 14th March 2020, 10.30am. The Enrolment Ceremony for the boys and girls from Scoil Ide who will make their Confirmation this year, takes place in St. Nicholas' Church, Westbury on Monday evening, October 14th at 7.30pm.



***How do fallen leaves travel from place to place?*

By AutumnMobiles!!



***How do you fix a broken pumpkin?*

With a pumpkin patch.



Sunday next Oct 20th is **World Mission Sunday**.

This is an important day in the life of the Church, when we reach out in solidarity and pray for all the Christian missions of the world.

We thank God for the gift of our faith and reflect on what it means to be missionary in our everyday lives.

MARANATHA
PRAYER MINISTRY
 INVITES YOU TO THE MARANATHA HEALING RETREAT THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF
Rev. Fr. Michael O'Shea,
 (Limerick)
 &
Jomon Joseph
 (Lay Speaker, Voice of Peace Ministry)
Sunday 20th October 2019
AT 2:30 PM
 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,
 DOORADOYLE, CO. LIMERICK
HOLY MASS - 5PM

ROSARY INVITATION



The Sisters at 3 Oakton Rd invite you to join them for the Rosary at 6.00 p.m. Monday - Friday during the month of October - Month of the Rosary and Mission month.

SCOIL IDE: THANK YOU to all who were able to support the recent school Parent's association used clothes collection. The funds raised are going to be used to make improvements to the outdoor classroom.



Altar Servers

We welcome our new servers who have been trained and will begin serving over the coming weeks.

Welcome back to our "old" servers. A huge thank you to the servers who have "retired"!

It's not too late to join altar serving!! If you are in 3rd class up (boys and girls, any school) and would like to serve, talk to Sr. Kathleen or Maura 087 9576148.

We wish to pass on our condolences to Betty Cooke on the recent death of her brother, Pat Downey, Castlemahon. Prayers and thoughts are with all his family. May he rest in peace.



The Deep End •

I wish you goodness

'Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.'
Melody Beattie

What a difference an 'attitude of gratitude' can make! Pope Francis has spoken of the importance, in family life, of saying 'thank you.' Of course, it is not the words that are important but the intention and meaning behind them. To say thank you means 'I appreciate you.' The Irish for thank you, go raibh maith agat, is much more expressive than the English. It translates, 'May you have goodness,' or, 'I wish you goodness'. It serves to soften and deepen a relationship.

Today's Gospel is often described as a story about faith, and it is true that Jesus emphasises the faith of the man who was healed. But it is also very much a story about gratitude. The man who turns back to Jesus has had his life transformed, and he is eager to thank him. I was always puzzled by the meaning of the last words spoken by Jesus: 'Your faith has saved you.' Surely he had already been saved from his illness, as indeed had the other nine who showed no gratitude? They all received the same gift. But by thanking Jesus, the Samaritan man has entered into a relationship with him; he has become his friend and disciple. That is what Jesus means when he says he has been saved.

Gratitude is an important part of faith. What blessings do you have to be grateful for today? Have you let God know?
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St. Nicholas Parish News

Sunday October 13th 2019

28th Sunday in Ordinary time

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Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

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WEEKDAY MASSES:

St. Munchin's College:
9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 7.00pm
Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 6pm Saturday, 10.30am Sun

St. Munchin's College: 12 noon Sunday

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc. To be sent in to: Maura. 086 0429952, Grace. 086 8296193 or Email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com by 6pm Wednesday.



SAINTS DAYS

October 13 *St Edward the Confessor*

15 *St Teresa of Avila*

16 *St Gerard Majella*

17 *St Ignatius of Antioch*

18 *St Luke*



Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm 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.



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: Saturday 5pm

St. Nicholas church and Sunday 1pm St. Munchin's College.

ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Boys and girls from 1st class up (any school) are welcome to join. Practice is every Wednesday from 6.30 to 7.15 in St. Nicholas Church. The choir sing at 10.30 mass every Sunday .

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, Niamh, Jesse, Bernadette, Gwyneth, Young Michael 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 contact:

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Maura 086 0429952/ Grace 086 8296193

ST NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Our PPC met on Tuesday evening 8th October.

In attendance were: Fr Derek, Fr Gerard, Sr Patricia, Maura Ryan, Maurice Carr, Betty Cooke, Gina O'Dwyer, Secretary Sheila Kent.

Among the items discussed were Safeguarding, Upcoming Parish Liturgies, First Communion and Confirmation and the training of Altar servers.

Our thanks and appreciation to Ben and Carey who have contributed enormously to our Saturday evening choir for the past twelve months and will be returning to their home in USA.

Mission Sunday will be on 20th October and our mass for the Holy Souls, by candlelight, will take place on Saturday, 2nd November at 6.00p.m.

