

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Life through the lens of the Gospel

The commitment of Jesus to his mission is shown in his desire to undergo the baptism that awaits him. Have there been times when there was something you greatly hoped for, even though you knew there would be a baptism of fire along the way? What was it like for you to undergo such a baptism of fire and then arrive at what you desired?

Jesus recognised that the message he proclaimed would meet with a mixed reception. This did not hold him back from proclaiming the Reign of God. When have you seen this kind of courage in yourself, or in others?

Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members. When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage? What was it like for you when you were able to follow that courageous road?

Farewell Mass for Father Derek

Please note that 10.30am Mass, in St Nicholas' Church, Westbury on August 28th, will honour Fr Derek's ten years of service in our parish. He will be present probably for his last Sunday Mass as our parish priest, since his new appointment commences in early September.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass in the Parish Centre, thanks to the generous commitment of our hospitality volunteers.

Parishioners will thus have an opportunity to meet Fr Derek and indeed each other, over a cup of tea or coffee and share their good wishes for his future happiness and success.

We are grateful for the years Fr Derek has spent with us and wish him every blessing always.

In the lovely words of John O'Donoghue:

*"May the angels in their
beauty bless you.
May they turn towards you
streams of blessing."*

Since the announcement that Father Derek will be moving to another area shortly, many parishioners have been wondering how to demonstrate their appreciation of his ten years amongst us. Time constraints and the fact that it is the holiday season have been taken into consideration and after much thought the following suggestions are respectfully proposed:

- Please try to attend the special farewell Mass at 10.30am in St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 28th August. This would surely be a lovely tribute.
- For those who wish to make a personal gesture, messages of appreciation in a marked envelope may be placed in the baskets at Masses over the next couple of weeks or given to the sacristans.

St Nicholas' Hospitality group will be serving refreshments after 10:30 Mass on Sunday 28th August to mark Fr Derek Leonard's move from our Parish.



We hope as many parishioners as possible can join Fr Derek at Mass and for refreshments on that date.

If anyone would like to help with the refreshments please text

Karen on 086 6045194 or
MJ on 0872411044

St Nicholas' Pastoral Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise any items/issues at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com



St Nicholas Childrens Choir is returning on Tuesday 13th September (6.30pm - 7.15pm) All boys and girls from second class upwards are welcome, Including teenagers!!!! Also needed are musicians both young and old Please contact kelly on 087 0514380. Gina on 087 6728731. Rehearsals will take place for a few weeks before a return to mass Sunday mass at 10.30am





ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 14 August

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries. If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening times to the office, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

With Sympathy mass cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available from the Parish Office.

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASSES Summer schedule

for July and August, there will not be a Weekday mass in St Munchin's College Chapel. All are welcome to join us in St Mary's for 10am mass daily

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Sun 12 noon, *St Munchin's College Chapel*

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

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

stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

BAPTISM are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 4.30pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. 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.

Please pray especially for Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Shane, Anna, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara.

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.



for your continued support at the weekly church Collections, €730 last weekend



Childline Limerick is currently recruiting for volunteers for our unit in Limerick city centre.

ISPCC Volunteers are trained to actively listen, empower and support young people on the phone or through web chat and text.

Children and young people can contact the service to talk about anything that is on their mind and our goal is to ensure there is someone there to listen.

If you feel you have a listening ear, and can commit to a four hour shift each week, then why not get involved in your local Childline service.

If you would be interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Catriona by email at Catriona.Mullahey@ispcc.ie