



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 14th January 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm — Thursday

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St Nicholas 7.00pm — Sat.

10.30 am — Sunday

St Munchin's College

12 noon — Sunday



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to take home a

copy of this news-letter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc.

Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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by Wednesday please.

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Feastdays—January

Sun 14—St. Felix

Mon 15—St. Ita, St. Nina

Fri 19—St. Henry

Sat 20—St. Sebastian



I was a stranger and you welcomed me



World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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'Migrants trust that they will encounter acceptance, solidarity, and help, that they will meet people who will sympathise with the distress and tragedy experienced by others, recognise the values and resources the latter have to offer, and are open to sharing humanly and materially with the needy and disadvantaged.' (Pope Francis)

Celtic Rune of Hospitality

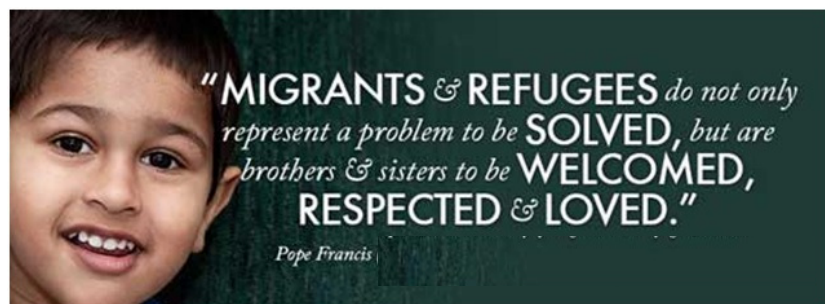
I saw a stranger yesterday
I put food in the eating place
drink in the drinking place
music in the listening place



And in the sacred name of the Triune
He blessed myself and my house
my cattle and my dear ones



And the lark said in her song
often often often
Goes the Christ in stranger's guise
often often often



"MIGRANTS & REFUGEES do not only represent a problem to be SOLVED, but are brothers & sisters to be WELCOMED, RESPECTED & LOVED."

Pope Francis



Parish Office Opening hours. Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—12.30. for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house. Phone: 341300

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 9.30am to 6.00pm each day. 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 & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



THE DEEP END: Come and see

Today is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and this

year's theme is 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future.

'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age ... This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.'

Pope Francis has spoken often of our 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

In today's gospel Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation, and to spend time with others in friendship.



Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat

Sunday, 21st January, 2018 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick

through the Ministry of Bishop Brendan Leahy, Limerick and Jomon (Voice of Peace Ministry). Tea after.

All welcome..



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Remembering those who are Sick

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those 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, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera Ailish, Frank & Ger.

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 John/Maura know by E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. John.085 7406822 Maura. 086 0429952



CHY4 Tax relief—Reminder

Thank you to all who returned their tax relief forms. As the deadline is near, any outstanding forms should be returned to Fr. Derek or drop them in to the presbytery as soon as possible.

Under 2013 legislation, if you are a PAYE or Self Assessed tax payer, and your annual contributions to the parish is above the minimum amount of €250, the Revenue Commissioners will forward a tax rebate directly to the parish at no extra cost to the donor.

ST IDÉ - ST ITA - PATRONESS

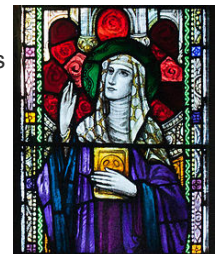
Saint Idé - or St Ita - was known as the foster mother of the saints of Ireland. Her feast day is on January 15th .

Idé was born Deirdre, in Deise, Waterford. She rejected an arranged marriage, instead professing vows to God. She left home and set out to a place called "Cluain Cread-hail" (now called Kileedy) in Co. Limerick. Here she founded a convent which became a training school for boys. One of these was St. Brendan. He once asked her what were the three things which God most detested. She replied: 'A scowling face, obstinacy in wrong-doing, and too great a confidence in the power of money'. Brendan also asked her what three things God especially loved. She replied, "True faith in God with a pure heart, a simple life with a religious spirit, and open-handedness inspired by charity."

St. Ita died in approximately 570. The people of Kileedy always celebrate Ita's feast day with dance and song.

She, along with St Munchin and St Senan, is a patron saint of our

diocese.



The Lighter Side!

Man: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Man: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Man: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.

