



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 14th July 2019

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The Deep End • The Good Samaritan

Parables are never what they seem. They have a clever way of enticing us to figure out what is really going on beneath the surface. One of the real questions in this parable is: Who offers correct worship to God? Jesus spoke about a God who was not concerned with the constraints of the Temple, but who was on the streets. Look at what the Samaritan did for the man on the road: he bound his wounds, he poured oil on them, he took him to an inn. These are all action words. The emphasis in this parable is on action and compassion. The Samaritan is considered to be an outcast, yet Jesus makes him the hero of this story, no doubt causing outrage to those who were listening to Him. The priest and Levite were most likely carrying oil and wine on their person; in the case of the priest, these items were needed for making sacrifices in the Temple. Coincidentally these items were also a vital part of a first century first aid kit, needed for cleaning the wounds of the injured man.

The lawyer is concerned with the limits to 'love of neighbour.' But there are no limits, no boundaries, no outsiders in God's Kingdom. Holiness is not separation from the marginalised, but proximity to them.

"Since once again Lord, I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I will make the whole Earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labours and sufferings of the world." - TEILHARD DE CHARDIN

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Mass times:

St Munchin's College.

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm – Thursday

Weekends:

St Nicholas 6.00pm – Sat.

(Summer months)

10.30 am – Sunday

St Munchin's College

12 noon – Sunday



Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. 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

E-mail:

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Feast Days – July

Mon 15 – St. Bonaventure

Tue 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



St. Nicholas' Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 17th August, 2019

Coach leaves St. Nicholas' Church at 8:30a.m.

St. Munchin's College Gate at 8:35a.m.

Fare €12

Names taken in Sacristy or ring 345 681

For July and August there will be no weekday Masses.

Mass is as normal for the weekends

(Note Saturday evening Mass in St. Nicholas is now at the time of 6pm for the summer).

Daily Mass at 10am in St. Mary's Church, Athlunkard Street, Monday to Friday.



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: 061-341300

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: 5.00pm Saturday evening (for summer months) St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



Limerick Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome – October 2019

Bishop Brendan Leahy is leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman. The new saint visited Limerick twice in 1852 and 1854 and resided for some time in the Diocese. The pilgrimage will depart on a Ryanair flight leaving Dublin at 4.30pm on Friday 11th October, returning from Rome at 9pm on Monday 14th.

For further details please contact Limerick Diocesan Office on **Tel.** 061-350000. **Email:** office@limerickdiocese.org



Reek Sunday 2019 Sunday 28 July

The annual national pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick 'Reek Sunday' takes place on Sunday 28 July 28. Mass will be celebrated on the summit of the mountain on the hour with the first Mass at 8:00am and the last Mass at 2:00pm. Confessions will be available on the summit from 7:30am to 2:00pm.

To be a pilgrim means
to be on the move, slowly
to notice your luggage becoming lighter
to be seeking for treasures that do not rust
to be comfortable with your hearts questions
to be moving towards the holy ground of home
with empty hands and bare feet.

Macrina Weiderkehr



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, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Mary, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse 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 let Maura/Grace know by E-mail:

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or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too

I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth

A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

