



ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY:

Sun 22nd Sept 2.30pm

Games, Tug of war, Poc fada, Crossbar challenge, penalty shootout and plenty more fun.

We will be launching 'Go Green Parteen' on this day. It is an initiative to encourage club members to choose environmentally friendly behaviours i.e. non-plastic reusable water bottles. We would encourage everyone to "BYO" cup for the teas / coffees.

We would also appreciate contributions of home baking to go with the complimentary tea / coffee. All are welcome.

Cork Autism Conference 2019

- Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, Sunday September 22nd, Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork. The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. More info here: www.autismcork.ie or call 089 239 8900



The Deep End • Called to 'come to our senses'

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God, and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found. In the parable of the Lost Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses.' We might pray today that God show us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to come to our senses.

In this Season of Creation, we lament the destruction of God's creation, we reflect on the loss of bio-diversity and the loss of human life caused by climate change. We pray that as a global community we might, like the lost son, 'come to our senses' and take the actions that are necessary to change course. It all seems so huge and perhaps we feel there is nothing significant we can do. That is not the case. As parishes, we can lead by example and show our commitment to care for the earth. The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. As with all significant change, it begins with the grassroots.

'I wish to address every person living on this planet...to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home...The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.' (Laudato Si' 3,23)

Suggestion for the week: Can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home, such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? We start with ourselves.



Maranatha Prayer Ministry

Healing Retreat this Sunday, 15th September, 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church Dooradoyle Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Noel Kirwan, Limerick And Eilish Carter, Nenagh. Mass at 5 pm. Tea after. All welcome.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Afternoon bridge takes place on Thursdays in St Nicholas Church Parish Centre, Westbury. Why not come along between 1.30pm and 4.30pm All welcome.



SATURDAY EVENING 6pm CHOIR

The St. Nicholas Saturday evening choir has returned and is open to new members wanting to sing or play an instrument. Practice is usually before 6pm Mass and occasional practices on Wednesday evening after 7:30pm. All ages from teenagers on up are welcome to join.



ST.NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir returns on Wednesday 18th September 6.30 to 7.15pm. 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 from September to May.



Further details from Maura 087 9576148.



St. Nicholas Parish News
Sunday September 15th 2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary time

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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 SEPTEMBER:

15 Our Lady of Sorrows

16 St. Cornelius

21 St. Matthew



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.



BAPTISM: 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.

ALTAR SERVERS: Training for new altar servers will take place during September. Boys and girls from 3rd class up (from any school) are welcome to serve.

Contact: Sr. Kathleen or Maura 087 9576148.

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, Niamk, Jesse, Bernadette, Gwyneth 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

What is Parish? Simply put, parish centres around the Catholic Church where we live and bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. It is where we give worship and where we meet and share our mutual faith in prayer. It is also where we seek comfort, spiritual nourishment and strive to follow in practical ways Jesus' message "Love thy neighbour". In parish we truly find companionship on our journey as believers.

The Parish Pastoral Council : The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a group within which priests and people work together as partners in creating and maintaining a vibrant Christian community rooted in Baptism and marked by its faith, worship and service.

* PPCs express our shared responsibility as Baptised persons in following the teachings of Christ.

* PPCs strive to represent the diversity of communities and to consider the needs of the parish.

* PPCs ensure the participation of parishioners in discussions that relate to parish mission and development.

PPCs meet monthly or bi-monthly where possible. Members are encouraged to serve for limited periods in order to facilitate both continuity and regular recruitment of new people in an orderly manner.