

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 6pm daily. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.



Baptism



BAPTISM

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one month's notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6pm Sat. St. Nicholas church, Sunday 1pm St. Munchin's College.

Parteen GAA and Camogie Clubs Registration:

Parteen Nat. School Sun 24th Feb
11am-12.30pm

We would like to thank our members and the general community for their continued support. All newcomers are very welcome. All members must be registered to train and play. The club will supply a hurley for all new u6 & u8 members.



Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat.

Sunday 17th February, 2019 at 2.30pm at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. Robbie Coffey, Limerick and Lay Speaker, Sr. Mary Bridget, Charismatic Renewal Committee, Limerick. All welcome.

Healthcare Assistants.

Communicare Healthcare are looking for Healthcare Assistants in the Corbally area. Flexible working hours with excellent rates of pay.

Contact Communicare today on 094 9259100, email maria.dixon@communicare.ie or check out our website www.communicare.ie.

Public Meeting

A public meeting has been organised by Cllr Cathal Crowe, with An Garda, Síochána to take place in the function room of the Tailrace Bar (Parteen) at 7pm, Monday 18th Feb. Items to be discussed include Neighbourhood watch, Home security systems. Etc

Please take home a copy of this newsletter to a neighbour. We encourage you to avail of it to promote upcoming events, let us know if someone needs prayers etc.

Remembering those who are Sick



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 .

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:

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Or Tel: Maura 086 0429952, Grace 086 8296193

GARMENT OF SUFFERING

This year in our parish, we are making our Garment of Suffering in two parts - to symbolise our pain, grief and brokenness.

THE CLOTH: For the first part of the garment, you are invited during Lent to bring a piece of cloth (6 inches by 6 inches) to the church and place it in a basket in front of the altar. These pieces of cloth will later be attached to each other.

GETTING READY FOR THE JOURNEY: The second part of the garment will be made in homes in the parish. On the weekends leading up to Lent you will be invited to put your name and contact details on a list. By giving your details, you are consenting to share them with the person before and after you on the list. When you put your name down you will also be given a prayer pack.

MAKING THE GARMENT: When you receive the garment in your home you then attach your piece of cloth. You can sew, staple or glue it. While attaching your cloth you might think about your hurts and pray for healing. You then contact the next person on the list to arrange passing on the garment. You are asked to handle the garment of suffering with reverence - remember it holds people's grief and hurt.

The person who has the garment on Holy Thursday will be asked to bring it to Mass on that evening.

"IT IS FINISHED" Both garments will be presented during Holy Thursday Mass. On Good Friday the garment will drape over the cross. We will burn the garment in the Easter Vigil fire.

The lighter side

* Why is Cinderella so bad at soccer?

Because she always runs away from the ball.

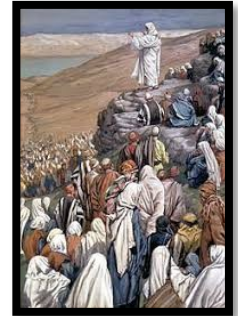
* Why does Peter Pan fly all the time?

Because he Neverlands.





St. Nicholas Parish News
Sunday February 17 2019
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Fr. Derek Leonard P.P.

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Fr. John O'Byrne

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Fr. Séan Harmon

087 9870284

Salesian Sisters

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Mass Times:

Weekdays:

St. Munchin's College

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St. Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm Thursday

Weekends:

St. Nicholas: 7pm Sat.

10.30am Sunday

St. Munchin's College

12 noon Sunday



Items for Newsletter

to be in to:

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By Wednesday please.

How happy

What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include:

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Triona Doherty,

Athlone, Co Roscommon.

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Life through the Lens of the Gospel
Luke 6:17, 20-26

1. We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. This suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

2. 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, and that they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

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