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Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Advent World Day for Consecrated Life

The text speaks of how 'God with us' was revealed to the world in the person of Jesus 2000 years ago. I suggest that we move on from there to consider how we become aware of 'God with us' now in our daily lives.

It took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that, in Mary, there truly was Emmanuel - God with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God's presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of 'God with you'? Recall those experiences and give thanks.

Joseph was confused and uncertain about what he should do. It took time, and outside help, for him to discern what his next step should be. Perhaps you have also had difficulties along the way to some decisions or commitments. Recall that journey and the moments when it became clear to you what was being asked of you. Give thanks for the angels who helped you along the way.

Mary bore Jesus within her, unseen to all, and unacknowledged by most. In Joseph she found one who believed in the treasure that she bore. We can be bearers of Jesus to others, and they to us. When have you been that kind of a bearer of Jesus to another? Who has been that to you?

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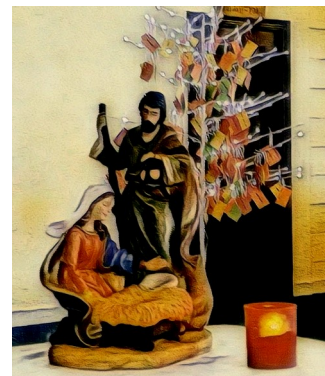
THANK YOU

Thank you from Bernardos and St Vincent de Paul to everyone who was able to contribute to the parish giving tree. Your generosity is much appreciated.



PARISH POSADA

We are now entering the final week of our parish posada. The statue of Mary and Joseph will this week visit homes in Westbury and Shannon Banks. They will be returned to the church by the Fox family on Christmas Day.



We remember all families and everybody in need of prayer at this time. May Jesus, born in a stable, bring hope and peace to all.
Thank you to all 27 families who took part in our parish posada this Advent.

BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS CRIB

O God, out of your love for us you sent your dearly beloved Son to become human.
You willed that he be born in a humble stable in order to give us an example of humility.



We pray you now to bless this crib, a representation of the scene of his birth; may it draw us closer to him.
By imitating his humility may we become a worthy dwelling place for his rebirth, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for when I can't receive communion:

My Jesus, I Believe that you are present
In the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things
And desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.



Amen



Many thank's from the local St Vincent de Paul chapter for your generosity at last weekend's Christmas collection.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Reconciliation night will take place on Monday, 19th December 2022 ,
at 7.00p.m in St Nicholas Church.
All are welcome to join us.



At Anam Cara, we know that facing the festive season can sometimes be hard for those who have lost a child.

This Christmas, we are asking our supporters to remember and celebrate a loved one by lighting up our virtual Christmas Tree with a very special "Light of Love".

If you would like to support our Lights of Love appeal, simply follow this link
<https://visufund.com/lights-of-love-in-aid-of-anam-cara> and click "dedicate".

By donating, you will be helping Anam Cara be there throughout the whole year to support Bereaved Parents.



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 18 December

4th Sunday Advent

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

Monday and Thursday 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

Phone: 061 341300

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 9.45am

St Munchin's College Chapel.

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

stnicholasnewsletter@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, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Liam, 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

The collection last weekend came to €1465, which included €188.32 for the retired priests collection. Many thanks for your loyalty and support to the parish.



St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting you could email them to :

PPCStNicholas@gmail.com



St Nicholas' Church
6.00p.m. Christmas Eve
10.30a.m. Christmas Day

St Munchin's Chapel
9.00p.m. Christmas Eve
12.00noon Christmas Day