



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 18th November 2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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MUSINGS

The Christian tradition speaks of a moment of judgment in which we become who we are once and for all. In death we are thrust out into God. Some find themselves at home with God. That is where they belong - in heaven. Others are not yet ready for God and they experience the purification that we call purgatory. Others still find that they do not belong with God at all but that have nowhere else to go and so they are stuck - as stuck in death as they were in life. Yes, that much at least no one will want to dispute: You don't have to wait for death to experience hell. Hell is the reality of a great many people's lives here and now: cut off from God, cut off from their true selves, cut off from those around them in the isolation of compulsion and fantasy.

Fr James O'Kane,
Shortish Homilies for 2017/18 (Year B)

THE DEEP END: My words will not pass away

This chapter from Mark is part of a farewell speech from Jesus to his followers in the last days of his earthly life. It sounds almost apocalyptic because we are nearing the end of the Church's liturgical year and so the texts we read take this tone. Jesus is revealing to his disciples something about the new order which is coming. He talks about the 'end times' and this can appear frightening at first. However, if we enter into a meditation on this Gospel we might bring to mind something of those moments in our own lives when we felt like our world was ending. Perhaps it was the end of a relationship, the death of a loved one, the end of one stage of your life. Things which seemed so familiar and helped keep us secure suddenly changed. These can be extremely difficult periods of one's life. It is during those times that someone comes to us offering prophecy of better times to come, of words that 'will not pass away'. Jesus is preparing the disciples for what is about to happen to him and with assurance that God's kingdom is far greater than any evil that is about to occur. The passage is often interpreted as referring to the second coming of Christ or his resurrection. Whenever we experience trauma we keep going with the assurance that resurrection is all around us and a new way of being is on the horizon.

Jane Mellett
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St Nicholas Parish Giving Tree

As a way of giving to poorer children in Limerick city and County and County Clare, we are setting up a Giving Tree in St. Nicholas Church and St Munchin's College chapel this weekend.

If You would like to take part, please take a tag from the tree and buy a new toy for the child.

Each tag lists a person and an age group e.g "Girl age 4". You can return the unwrapped gift/gifts in a gift bag to the church, which will be distributed locally by St. Vincent de Paul Society and Barnardos.

We ask people to spend up to €15 on each child.

Please return the gift on or before December 9th.

You can also take part by contacting our Parish office at 061341300.

Many thanks for your generosity.



Without His love I can do nothing, with His love there is nothing I cannot do.

Talk on Women in the Bible

In preparation for Advent, El Gleeson will visit our Parish to celebrate an evening with us on the theme of "Women in the Bible". This will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 27th in the Parish Centre, St. Nicholas Church and all are welcome.



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 month's 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.



Prayers in Cemeteries

During this month of the Holy Souls, we invite You to join us in prayer for Parishioners and family members buried in our local graveyards.

Sunday November 18th : Prayers in Mt St Laurence Cemetery at 3pm.

Sunday November 25th : Prayers in Mt St Oliver Cemetery at 3pm.

All welcome.



The Posadas

This weekend we begin preparation for our Parish Posadas.

Posadas (Spanish for "inns") is an Advent tradition revolving around the concept of hospitality. During Advent, a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel on a roster basis around our Parish visiting a different family every night.

You can sign up after masses this weekend, if You would like to welcome Mary and Joseph to your home, on their way to Bethlehem.

CUBS CHARITY BAKE SALE

Cub scouts from Shannon Banks CúChulainn pack are holding a charity bake sale as part of their chief scout award. They would greatly appreciate your support on the day.

Date : Sunday 25th November

Time: After 10.30am mass

Venue: St. Nicholas church parish centre.



Trócaire Palestine Event, 19th November 2018

Since 2002 Trócaire has worked in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Our work there is about building a lasting and just peace based on respect for human rights, human dignity and international law. In Ireland, we work tirelessly to raise awareness around the injustice and human rights violations in the region. Senator Frances Black will hold a public meeting to speak about her experience of recently travelling to Palestine, and the next stage of the Occupied Territories Bill to end Irish trade with illegal settlement goods. **Venue: South Court Hotel, Limerick on Monday, 19th November at 8pm.**



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, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera Ailish, Frank, Ger, Mary, Fiona and Scarlett.

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



Maranatha Healing Retreat,

today, Sunday, 18th November, 2018 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Bishop

Fintan Monahan, Killaloe Diocese and Jomon Joseph, Ennis (Voice of Peace) All welcome.

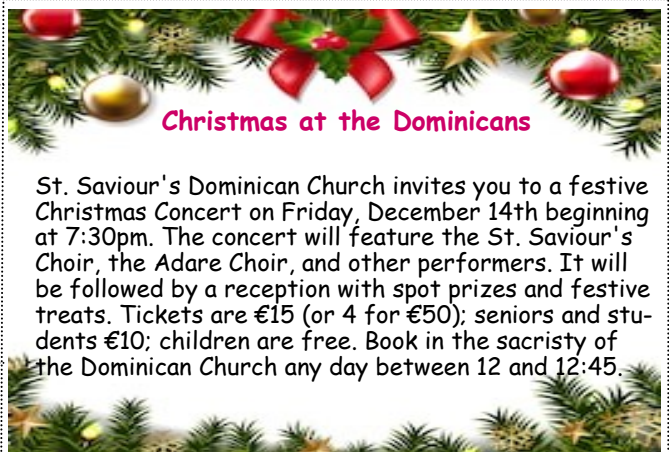
Reachout.com - online mental health service for young people

ReachOut.com is an online youth mental health service that provides support and information for young people on issues that may affect their mental wellbeing.

Developed by experts in the mental health field, ReachOut offers online peer support, has a blog section and recently developed an app for smart phones.

On clicking on ReachOut, a young person can access information and guidelines on issues that may affect their mental wellbeing, such as friendship, studying, socialising, alcohol and bullying.

ReachOut also provides tips on how young people can look after their mental health, such as taking regular exercise and setting goals.



Christmas at the Dominicans

St. Saviour's Dominican Church invites you to a festive Christmas Concert on Friday, December 14th beginning at 7:30pm. The concert will feature the St. Saviour's Choir, the Adare Choir, and other performers. It will be followed by a reception with spot prizes and festive treats. Tickets are €15 (or 4 for €50); seniors and students €10; children are free. Book in the sacristy of the Dominican Church any day between 12 and 12:45.

HEALING SERVICE on Wednesday 21st November in Corpus Christi Church, Moyross @ 7.30 p.m. with the Friars of the Renewal. There will be NO MASS.



We would like to offer our sympathies to John Cregan, Meadowbrook, Mill Road on the recent death of his sister-in-law, Alice Cregan RIP