

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Life through the lens of the Gospel

As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?

It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half-hearted in your efforts?

Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters'. When have you experienced the truth of this statement?

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### Sept 23rd Feast Day of St Padre Pio

"Pray, hope, and  
don't worry.  
Worry is useless.  
God is merciful  
and will hear  
your prayer."

- Saint Padre Pio



St Nicholas' Pastoral Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise any items/issues at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:

[saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)

**ST NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is returning on Tuesday 20th September (6.30pm - 7.15pm) All boys and girls from second class upwards are welcome, Including teenagers!!!! Also needed are musicians both young and old . Please contact Kelly on 087 0514380 or Gina on 087 6728731. Rehearsals will take place for a few weeks before a return to mass Sunday mass at 10.30am

### Shannon Banks Scout group

will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 11th October in Shannon Banks Scout hall, V94K720 at 8.15pm. All are welcome.

The group intake is dependent upon the number of leaders volunteering and trained appropriately. The group always needs new volunteers. As it takes time to vet and train new leaders, now is the time to step forward and begin the process. If you think you would like your child to join Beavers next year, consider volunteering to join as a leader and begin the preparation process this year.

The various sections run on each night of the week:

Monday night beavers. 6.45pm to 8pm. Ages 6 to 8.5 years

Tuesday night beavers... Patrick Sarsfield beaver Lodge, 6.30pm to 8pm each Tuesday. Ages 6 to 8.5 years

Wednesday night Cubs, Setanta pack, 7pm to 8.30pm. Ages 9 to 11.5 years

Thursday night cubs, Cúchulainn pack. 7pm to 8pm . Ages 9 to 12 years

Scouts, Friday night. 7.30pm to 9pm. Ages 11.5 to 15 years

Venture Scouts Wednesday night 8:15pm to 9:15pm  
Ages 15 to 18 years

Contact details: [25thlimerickscouttroop@gmail.com](mailto:25thlimerickscouttroop@gmail.com)



## ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 18 September

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### CONTACT NUMBERS

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**OFFICE OPENING TIMES:** Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 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](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)

### WEEKDAY MASSES Summer schedule

*Until October there will not be a Weekday mass in St Munchin's College Chapel. All are welcome to join us in St Mary's for 10am mass daily*

### 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](http://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

[stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com)

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

**FACEBOOK** [www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://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, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, 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.



for your continued support at the weekly church Collections, € 740 week ending 11 Sept

### Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

'Come and See' Vocation Retreat  
14-16 Oct 2022 for Young Women 18-35 yrs.  
For more information or to book a place, please email [limerick@op-tn.org](mailto:limerick@op-tn.org)

### Wine, Women, Men, and Song - Exploring the Wedding of Cana

By Monks of Glenstal Abbey - Saturday 24th September 2022

From 10 - 5pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. Cost €70.

Booking: [events@glenstal.com](mailto:events@glenstal.com) or 061-621005

**The Free Dinner** is reopening its dining room in Limerick Youth Service 1pm-3 pm on Sundays beginning 18th September.

Anyone over 18 years interested in volunteering is asked to contact Siobhán Wheeler by text @ 087 2209647