

DIOCESE OF LIMERICK
YOUNG ADULTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

8PM AT BOBBY BYRNES

11 FEB

PROVE IT!
DOES SCIENCE DISPROVE GOD?

Fr. Conor McDonough, OP

10 MAR

FIGHTING THIS PRESENT DARKNESS:
IS THERE HOPE?

Paul Cesar

21 APR

YOUNG AND MARRIED:
IS IT A THING?

Katie and Richie Fenton

FINGER FOOD PROVIDED

Contact vocations@limerickdiocese.org for more information



18th to 25th January: The week of prayer for **Christian unity** on the theme "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2). More information is available at <https://www.limerickdiocese.org/news/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2020/>

WESTBURY PARENT AND TODDLER

GROUP meet every Tuesday from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Parish centre, St. Nicholas Church. New members (parents, guardians, minders) are welcome.



IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.

Corbally clinic at St.Munchin's College on Monday 20 January, 2020. Appointments available. To book, please phone 061 306980. Walk ins are also welcome.



St Nicholas' Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Our thanks and appreciation to all who helped enormously to ensure our Christmas Celebration was such a wonderful success.

Our PPC meet once a month and can be contacted through the Parish Office. Please address any suggestions or queries to the Parish Pastoral Council Chair, c/o Parish Office.

Safeguarding is updated at our monthly meetings. Also, Upcoming Parish Liturgies, First Communion and Confirmation etc.

Practical matters such as general upkeep and maintenance are regularly on the agenda

Members: Chair Mary Kelly, Fr Derek, Fr Gerard, Sr Patricia, Maura Ryan, Maurice Carr, Maurice Quillinan, Betty Cooke, Gina O'Dwyer, Secretary Sheila Kent.

THE DEEP END - THE LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the lamb as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of our world today - broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, 'look' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them' W.L. WALLACE

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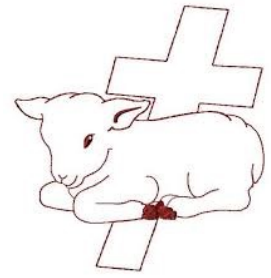
Sunday January 19th 2020

2nd Sunday of 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.

FEAST DAYS

January 20 St Sebastian

21 St Agnes

24 St Francis de Sales

PARISH OFFICE: 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 month's 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.

ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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.



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, Niamh, Jesse, Bernadette, Gwyneth, Young Michael William, Méabh 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

Maranatha Healing Retreat

this Sunday, 19th January 2020 at 2.30 pm through ministry of Fr. Robbie Coffey, Limerick and Sr. Rose Miriam, Dominicans, Limerick at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick. Mass at 5 pm. All welcome.



The closing date for applications, for junior infants, for **Scoil Íde** September 2020 is 1st February. Applications should be made online at www.scoilide.ie



The annual Church Gate Collection in aid of **Dóchas Midwest Autism Support** (Hope for People with Autism) takes place on this weekend 18th and 19th January.



The Saturday evening choir are looking for new choir members. Singers and Instrumentalists are welcome. Please contact any member of the choir for more information.