



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 19th May 2019

5th Sunday of Easter

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Love one another

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Mass times:

St Munchin's College.

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm — Thursday

Weekends:

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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by **Wednesday please**

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Feast Days — May

Mon 20— St. Bernardine of Siena

Wed 22—St. Rita

Fri 24—Our Lady Help of Christians

Sat 25—St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi

'Love one another' is the basic principle of Christianity, to love as Jesus loved. It is simple, yet we can make it so complicated. Jesus' love was controversial for some people, because it was love without exclusion. To love as Jesus loved is to love those it is hard to love. This love ultimately led to Jesus' death. Jesus loved sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes, people of other religions, the poor, the unwanted, the sick, the beggar, the leper. This love is too much for some Christians today also. It is hard to love the sinner or to love family members or friends who have hurt us. Yet this is the love that we are called to. Once we begin to accept that we are infinitely loved by God, it is like a domino effect where that love is poured outwards in our lives. We are part of this outpouring of God's creative love and are called to bring this into places where there is none. In this way we are helping to heal, sustain and nourish this world.

Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: 'Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.' Let us dream of, and work towards, a world where this is a reality.

'God has given us the power to create beauty, to make another smile, to be a healing presence in someone's sorrow, to bring justice to the oppressed, to console those in difficulty, to bring peace and joy to others, to help those in need, to laugh and enjoy life, to do good and turn from evil, to forgive those who have hurt us, and, most of all, to love.'

Iris Perez



The Milford Hospice 5km Memorial Walk will take place on Sunday, 16th June at the University of Limerick with a start time of 12:00 noon. This event is suitable for those of all levels of fitness and

ability and the Centre's organisers are asking anyone who wishes to take part to register for the event as soon as possible. Entry fee is €20 with the option of taking a sponsorship card. The walk will commence from the Main Plaza (outside Library) at the University of Limerick and will finish on the grounds of Milford Care Centre. Participants will have the opportunity to place a handwritten tribute on their Memorial Ribbon that will adorn the special memorial tree on the grounds of Milford. A special Memorial Pin will also be presented to each participant. Refreshments will be available after this memorial occasion. It is necessary for everyone to register for the event by logging onto www.milfordcarecentre.ie. Alternatively, registration and sponsorship cards can be arranged by contacting the Fundraising Department at 061 485 859 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or by email to fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie.

Your support is greatly appreciated



Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed next week. It will re-open on Tuesday 28th May from 2pm—4pm and Thursday 30th May from 9.30am—12.30

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 months 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.



The following story is called 'Even Eagles Need A Push' by David McNally

The mother eagle gently coaxed her off-spring toward the edge of her nest. Her heart quivered with conflicting emotions as she felt their resistance to persistent nudging.

"Why does the thrill of soaring have to begin with the fear of falling?" she thought. This ageless question was still unanswered for her.

As in the nature of eagles, her nest was located high on the shelf of a sheer rock face. Below there was nothing but air to support the wings of each young eagle, "It is possible that this time it will not work?" the mother eagle thought. Despite her fears, the eagle knew it was time. Her parental mission was almost complete. There remained one final task - the push.

The mother eagle drew courage from an innate wisdom. Until her young discovered their wings, there was no purpose for their lives. Until they learned how to soar, they would fail to understand the privilege it was to have been born an eagle. The push was the greatest gift the mother eagle had to offer. It was her supreme act of love. And so one by one she pushed them and they flew!

Sometimes we all need a push in life. A push to get something done, a push to get our lives sorted, a push to say sorry, a push to make a new beginning happen, a push to do something that has been put off for far too long. Whatever the push, there comes a time when it needs to happen. Do I need a push in life right now or does someone close and important to me need a push?

Fr. James McSweeney
Bantry, Cork



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, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse 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 let Maura/Grace know by E-mail:

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Day of Recollection

St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh

You are invited to a Day of Recollection. Talks, Adoration, Holy Mass at 9.00am(Priory), or 10.00am in Cobh Cathedral. Lunch provided. 25th May, 11.00am-3.30pm. Overnight accommodation available. For more information contact Mother Prioress: 021 4811354, cobhtyburncon-vent@gmail.com



Weekly Community walk continues on Tuesdays

Leaving Parteen GAA pitch at 7pm / Shannon Fields 7.15pm.

All ages welcome. Just wear walking shoes / trainers and a high viz jacket.



Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat [on today, Sunday, 19th May, 2019 at 2.30pm](#) at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. Charles, Monks of Moyross, Limerick. All welcome.

Cork Autism Conference 2019 - Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities

Sunday September 22nd, Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork. The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/autismcork or call 089 239 8900



For the Summer months, beginning in June, the Saturday evening Mass in St Nicholas church will be at the earlier time of 6pm. For those who wish a later Mass on Saturday, Mass in St Mary's is at 7:30pm. The change of time will help facilitate Fr Derek and Fr John in trying to cover both Parishes and hopefully will better suit Parishioners.