



# St. Nicholas' Parish News



Sunday 1st December 2019  
1st Sunday in Advent

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PREPARE  
YOUR HEARTS

JESUS  
IS COMING

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### Mass times:

**St Munchin's College.**  
9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.  
**St Nicholas, Westbury**  
7.00pm – Thursday  
**Weekends:**  
**St Nicholas** 6.00pm – Sat.  
10.30 am – Sunday  
**St Munchin's College**  
12 noon – Sunday



Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. 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:

Maura. 086 0429952  
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**by Wednesday please**

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### Feast Days — Dec

**Tues 3**—St. Francis Xavier  
**Wed 4**—St. John Damascene  
**Fri 6**—St. Nicholas, Bishop  
**Sat 7**—St Ambrose, Bishop



Please come along on **Wednesday 4th December** from 7pm to help Precious and Mike with sprucing up OUR Church for Christmas. It would be great if you would.

The more who come the better. Don't think there are little cleaning elves who do it! Santa is too busy to wave his magic over it.

Lets get St. Nicholas Church sparkling for the **BIG (Birth)DAY!**

Bring whatever you can that could help with the cleaning e.g. polish, dusters, hoovers etc.

Thank you so much, in advance for your help!



SEND SOME LOVE AROUND  
THE WORLD WITH  
**trócaire**



Thank you for  
my chicks!

Hido from Billa village in Ethiopia, is married with two young children.

When her six chicks arrived she was thrilled because she knew she would have eggs to help feed her family, as well as a new source of income. "Thank you for my chicks. I have sold 30 eggs and have used the money to buy a hen for breeding. I now have five new chicks."

Chicks and hens do not require much capital and are a great way for women like Hido to earn money and feed their family. According to Hido, the increase in protein and vitamins is making them all healthier every day.



Support families affected by long-term poverty and injustice overseas by buying a Trócaire Gift this Christmas.

To buy a Gift of Love please talk to Noel at the back of the church in St. Nicholas and St. Munchins on **14/15th December**. You can also contact Trócaire on 01 629 3333 or go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>.

Trócaire would like to thank all of our generous supporters who have bought Trócaire Gifts over the years.



### Parish Office Opening hours.

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm 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: 061-341300

### 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: 5.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00pm. St Munchin's College.



The **December Do this in memory Mass** for the communion preparation will take place at 10.30am mass on Sunday 8th December

### Bambino Sunday

Next Sunday, December 8th, we will celebrate Bambino Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Family Mass in St. Nicholas Church. Families are invited to bring along the statue of Baby Jesus from your crib for a special blessing for Advent and Christmas.



We would like to invite you to the

## Christmas Carols Service

Which will take place in St Nicholas' Church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Tea/Coffee will be provided following the service.




### CAKE SALE

In aid of The Hope Foundation Street Children of Calcutta

St Nicholas Church Pastoral Hall, Westbury after 6pm mass **Saturday 7th December** and after 10.30am mass **Sunday 8th December**

St. Munchins College Chapel, Corbally after 12 noon mass **Sunday 8th December**



### 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, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Young Michael and Sr. Bridget.

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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or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



### St Nicholas Parish Giving Tree

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, we remember boys and girls in our locality who are less well off and in need.

Members of our parish and friends are invited to select a card from the tree in the church and then obtain a gift for a young person in our wider community who may not be otherwise thought of at Christmas time.

The cards have the age of each child (e.g Boy age 4, Girl age 13 etc). We ask people to spend around €15 in total on the gift/gifts and place them in a gift bag. They can be toys, books, clothes etc. The gifts will be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul Society and Barnardos to families before Christmas.

Please return the gifts to St. Nicholas church or St. Munchin's College Chapel no later than Sunday, December 8th.

Thank You in advance for your kindness and for supporting our Parish outreach.

*Our Reconciliation Service will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00p.m.*



This week our parish posada begins its Advent journey.

The nativity set of Mary and Joseph will travel through our parish visiting the Mcguane, Long, Ryan, O'Brien, Molony, Benko and O'Shea families.

We remember all families in need of our prayers and help during this Advent Season.

### Advent at Glenstal Abbey 2019

Here is the Lord: Come out to meet Him. A series of 3 talks on the first 3 Sundays of Advent (December 1st, 8th, 15th)

Venue: Monastery Library - Glenstal Abbey at 4.30pm

Speakers: Dr Jessie Rogers, Luke Macnamara OSB, Cuthbert Brennan OSB