



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 20th October 2019
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:

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Feast Days — Oct

Tues 22 — St. John Paul II

Wed 23 — St. John of Capistrano

The Deep End · Crying out

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas.

On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice.

At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion?

'May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships...
And may God bless you
With enough foolishness
To believe that you can
Make a difference in the world,
So that you can do
What others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness
To all our children and the poor.
FRANCISCAN BLESSING

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Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. In his prayer Jesus, asserts that eternal life consists in knowing God and Himself as one sent by God. We receive this life through hearing the word of God spoken to us by Jesus, receiving it, and believing in it. Bring to mind times when accepting and believing the words of Jesus was a source of life to you.

2. Jesus prayed that those who believed his word would be protected in time of trial. How have you experienced Jesus as a protector in life?

3. Jesus prayed that his followers would be one, something unfortunately still far from a reality. Perhaps you have experienced both the pain of division and the joy of unity. Recall times when you felt a deep unity with others. What lessons did you learn from the experience?

4. As Jesus was sent into the world by the Father, so he in turn sends us into the world. At this moment in your life, what do you see as the practical consequences for you of this mission from Jesus?

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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 months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 5.00pm Saturday evening (for summer months) St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



As we approach Halloween

Halloween is fast approaching and for many this can be a very frightening and lonely time. We remind parents to be aware at all times of the whereabouts of their children and who they are with. Talk to them about consideration for others, particularly our older community members and those who live alone. We also appeal to parents of the young people who loiter on the church grounds to talk to them about respect for property and the environment. Also to remind them that animals get very frightened with fire crackers etc. at this time.



THINK and make it an enjoyable Halloween for everybody.

Mass for the Holy Souls, by candlelight, will take place on Saturday, 2nd November at 6.00p.m.

ROSARY INVITATION



The Sisters at 3 Oakton Road, Westbury invite you to join them for the Rosary at 6.00 p.m. Monday-Friday during the month of October -Month of the Rosary and Mission month.



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 and Young Michael.

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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Maranatha Healing Retreat on today Sunday 20th October, 2019 at 2.30 pm at St Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Michael

O'Shea, Limerick and Jomon Joseph, Voice of Peace. Mass 5 pm. All welcome.

A very special evening to honour the canonisation of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman

Venue: Parish Resource Centre and Parish Church Ballybrown

Date: Wednesday 23rd October

Time: 7p.m. "Tracing the Historical Connections" Dr. Matthew Potter, Curator of Limerick Museum

8p.m. A homily on "A Perfect Peace: Newman, Saint for our Time" by Bishop Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe

Mass with the Ballybrown choir will be celebrated on the 'Newman Altar' by Bishop Fintan



TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE-BOX APPEAL

The 2019 Limerick Team hope Christmas shoebox appeal is running from Nov 11th to Nov 21st this year. For leaflets, information and collections please contact 087 6716154 for the local Corbally area.

Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

Buddha



A mother was teaching her three year old daughter The Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride, as she carefully said each word right up to the end..."And lead us not into temptation", she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail, Amen."

