

PARISH OFFICE

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am -12.30 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



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Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month. Times: Please note the Summer time change for Saturday, in line with mass times, 5pm St.Nicholas church, Sunday 1pm St.Munchin's College.

Pope Francis' Exhortation to Youth

Dear young friends, do not let [masters of manipulation] exploit your youth to promote a shallow life that confuses beauty with appearances. Realize that there is beauty in the labourer who returns home grimy and unkempt, but with the joy of having earned food for his family. There is extraordinary beauty in the fellowship of a family at table, generously sharing what food it has. There is beauty in the wife, slightly dishevelled and no longer young, who continues to care for her sick husband despite her own failing health. Long after the springtime of their courtship has passed, there is beauty in the fidelity of those couples who still love one another in the autumn of life, those elderly people who still hold hands as they walk.

Christus Vivit 183

Marriage Enrichment Weekends THE JOY OF LOVE IN MARRIAGE

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love.

The next (residential) Weekends (Fri.8 pm to Sun 4.30 pm) will be held at the Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 13 - 15 Sep 2019 and at The Lake Hotel Killarney from 15 -17 Nov. 2019. For information and to book, visit www.marriagecounter.ie or phone 087- 784 0408



*please
pray for
the sick*

REMEMBERING THE SICK

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, Niamk, Jesse, Bernadette, Gwyneth 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:

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Or Tel: Maura 086 0429952, Grace 086 8296193



Maranatha Healing Retreat on today, Sunday 18th August, 2019 through the Ministry of Rev. Fr.

John Walsh, Limerick and Lay speaker Heidi Gilroy, Kildare at St. Paul's Church, Doora-doyle, Limerick at 2.30 pm. All welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS

Training for new altar servers will take place during September. Boys and girls from 3rd class up (any school) welcome to serve.



Altar Servers

Further details from

Sr. Kathleen or Maura 087 9576148.

St.NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir will return mid September. Boys and girls from 1st class up (any school) 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 from September to May.

Further details from

Maura 087 9576148.





St. Nicholas Parish News

Sunday August 18th 2019

20th Sunday in Ordinary time

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays:

St.Munchin's College

9.45am.Mon,Tues & Wed.

St.Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm Thursday

Weekends:

St.Nicholas: 6pm Sat.

10.30am Sunday

St.Munchin's College

12 noon Sunday

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

to be in to:

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By 6pm Wednesday please.

SAINTS DAYS August

18 Pope Sixtus III

21 Immaculate heart of Mary

24 Bartholomew

Please take home a copy of this newsletter. We encourage you to avail of it to promote upcoming events, let us know if someone needs prayers etc.



WEEKEND MASSES: 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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: For July and August there will be no weekday masses. There is a daily (Monday to Friday) 10am mass in St. Mary's church, Athlunkard Street.

The Deep End • Three against two and two against three

Sadly, many people are no strangers to family feuds. In past generations, things like land and inheritance were major causes of family disagreements, causing parents to fall out with sons or daughters, or siblings to stop speaking for years. We may have heard other stories from our own families – secrets that were not talked about, relatives who were shunned for 'shaming' the family. These attitudes are dying away, and that is good. We are less concerned with keeping up appearances, and more focused on ensuring children feel loved and supported.

Yet, there will always be conflicts in family life. Differences of opinion can arise over beliefs or choices, sometimes causing immense hurt on both sides. Often these disagreements are between generations. Parents who have raised their children in the faith can feel hurt when a son or daughter drifts away, or decides not to pass on the faith to their own children. Grandparents often carry this burden too.

Some conflict is unavoidable as we navigate these situations, but we have a choice – do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions with loved ones, or do we listen with respect and try to understand and find common ground? Perhaps these inevitable conflicts are what Jesus refers to in today's Gospel – father divided against son, mother against daughter. It's a surprising statement given his usual focus on peace. But then, following Jesus is not a smooth path. Peace can be hard-won, particularly in families where there are so many different personalities and opinions. Let us pray for wisdom and patience to navigate the tougher times.

Triona Doherty, Curraghboy, Co Roscommon
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Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

1. The commitment of Jesus to his mission is shown in his desire to undergo the baptism that awaits him. Have there been times when there was something you greatly hoped for, even though you knew there would be a baptism of fire along the way? What was it like for you to undergo such a baptism of fire and then arrive at what you desired?

2. Jesus recognized that the message he proclaimed would meet with a mixed reception. This did not hold him back from proclaiming the Reign of God. When have you seen this kind of courage in yourself, or in others?

3. Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members. When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage? What was it like for you when you were able to follow that courageous road?

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