



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

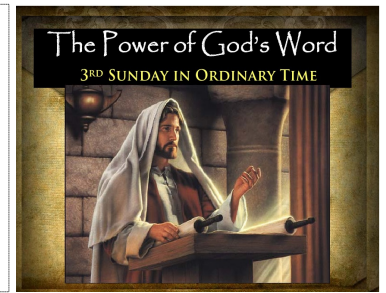
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Mass times:**

**Weekday Masses:**

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College Chapel

Thur, 7.00pm

St Nicholas .Church

**Weekends:**

Sat 7.00pm . St Nicholas

Sun.10.30 am. St Nicholas

12 noon:

St Munchin's College Chapel

**Items for newsletter**

To be in to:

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**Feastdays for January**

**Mon 22**

St Vincent of Saragosa

**Wed 24**

St Francis de Sales

**Thur 25**

Conversion of St Paul

**Fri 26**

Ss. Timothy & Titus

**Sat 27**

St Angela Merici.

International Holocaust day

***Helping Others:***

***The real test of business greatness lies in giving opportunity to others.***

### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 13:33-37

1. The coming of the Lord is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces – good things that happened when they were not anticipated.
2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you, and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness were not present.
3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. Identify with the servants as people given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person? What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God?
4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you? John Byrne osa Email [jpb Byrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jpb Byrneosa@gmail.com)

### St Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council

The parish pastoral council is a leadership group through which priests and people work together as partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own place. It does this through building up a vibrant Christian community that is rooted in baptism and marked by its faith, worship and service. To fulfil its role the pastoral council needs to be a representative body in which the diversity of the parish community is reflected. It is a means whereby all parishioners can take part in discussions that relate to the parish, its mission and its future development. Members of our Council are : Mary Kelly (chairperson), Sheila Kent (Secretary), Maurice Carr, Sr Kathleen, Maurice Quillinan, Maura Ryan, Betty Cooke, Fr Derek and Fr Sean.

You can contact the Council through the suggestion box in the church or through our members.

### THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power," is taken from the book of Exodus 15:6. The resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean by an ecumenical team of women and men under the leadership of His Grace Kenneth Richards, Catholic Archbishop of Kingston, The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began as an eight day period of prayer called the "Church Unity Octave" As Christians pray and work together in seeking to bring about Christian Unity one discovers just how important this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is for our world today."

**St. Augustine's Church**  
**Christian Unity Week**  
**Church Service**



**Wed 24th January**

**7.30pm**

**Everyone Welcome**

*The person who has done their best has done everything.  
 The person who has done less than their best has done nothing.*

## You are Invited



**The Salesian Sisters** invite you to a quiet time of meditation on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11:00 am. at their home. 3 Oakton Road, Westbury.  
**Prayer is when you talk to God,  
Meditation is when God talks to you.**

### Parish Office Opening hours.

Opening times: Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am-12.30. for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries.

**Tel: 341300**

**Baptism:** Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

### Goals

*I've dreamed many dreams that never came true,  
I've seen them vanish at dawn;  
But I've realized enough of my dreams,  
To make me want to dream on.*

*I've prayed many prayers when no answer came,  
I've waited patient and long;  
But answers have come to enough of my prayers  
To make me keep praying on.*

*I've trusted many a friend who failed  
And left me to weep alone;  
But I've found enough of my friends true-blue  
To make me keep trusting on.*

## Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland hold a Social Club for people with dementia and their carer, in a supported environment, which takes place each Tuesday morning in St. Mary's RFC Grove island, between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00p.m. There is no charge to attend and tea and coffee are provided. Please phone

Mary at 313456 if you would like to attend, or just call to St. Mary's RFC on Tuesdays from 11.00 a.m.



- *Some roads aren't meant to be travelled alone.*
- *To know the road ahead, ask those coming back.*
- *Only he that has travelled the road knows where the holes are deep.*
- *There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the view is always the same.*

## 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, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera Ailish, Frank & Ger.

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

John/Maura know by

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## A Haven of Peace and Quiet



Adoration is increasing and becoming more popular in the Limerick Diocese. Why not visit our little Chapel at the side of St Nicholas Church in Westbury.

## Mothers & Toddlers

Mothers & Toddlers meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30-12.30 in the Pastoral Centre in St Nicholas Church. All Welcome



## Poor Clares cloister day

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Cloister day on Saturday, January 27th from 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment.

To book a place contact: Sr. Faustina at:

[poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com)

## Healing Mass

Our monthly healing mass takes place in st. Nicholas church at 7pm next Thursday 25th January.

All welcome.

## SVP Christmas Collection

The SVP St Nicholas Conference would like to thank all those who contributed to the Christmas Appeal. Once again your kindness and generosity was great appreciated throughout the community.

## Parish Giving Tree

On behalf of our local SVP Conference and Barnardos, the Parish would like to say a huge Thank you for all of the donated toys and gifts for our Giving Tree Appeal. The response was overwhelming, with over 150 gifts delivered to local families. Once again thank you very much for your generosity and community spirit. Wishing you all a Happy & Healthy 2018.



**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE  
TAKING CREATURES THAT  
CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**



A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us. Funny things help us get through the humdrum of life. Without humour this would be a lot harder.

