



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 23rd September 2018  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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## THE DEEP END: How to welcome the child

In today's gospel Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si', 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come? Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

*'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'*

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 25

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# SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

**The Season of Creation** is an opportunity to worship the Creator and protect the good gift of creation. From mountain villages in Peru to bustling downtown streets in the Philippines, Christians of all denominations are uniting to pray and act for our common home.

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology in many traditions.

There is an urgent need to find solutions to the crisis facing our common home. Together, we are fulfilling our role as stewards of God's creation.

God of love, show us our place in this world  
as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth,  
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,  
and care for this world in which we live.  
The poor and the earth are crying out.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,  
help us to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
Praise be to you!

Pope Francis



**Parish Office Opening hours.** Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—12.30. 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: 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: 6.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



### ALTAR SERVERS

Training for new altar servers takes place this Monday 24th September at 6.30 in St. Nicholas Church.

Boys and girls from 3rd class up

(any school) are welcome to serve.

Further details from Sr. Kathleen or Maura (087 95 76 148).

### El Camino de Santiago



**Camino 2019** - A second meeting, about the parish Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, will be held in the parish centre at 7.30 pm on Monday 1st October.



**Making Music**  
**PRAYING TWICE**  
Music is a Pathway to God

Our new choir at the Saturday Evening Mass has got off to a lovely start. BUT we welcome more members and are especially looking for **MALE** voices to enhance the lovely sounds we make. You do not need to try out or read music to participate. If you play an instrument we would love you to join us.

We play a very wide range of diverse music from traditional hymns to the very new contemporary hymns. Please consider joining our choir and contact Carey Ruley by phone at 087 703 4705 or e-mail [Carey.ruley@comcast.net](mailto:Carey.ruley@comcast.net).



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

### 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 and Mary.

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 E-mail: [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. John.085 7406822 Maura. 086 0429952



### Healing Mass

We celebrate a special mass for healing on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm in St. Nicholas Church.

Our mass for September will be on Thursday 27 September.

### Corbally Community Bridge

Thursdays at St Nicholas's Parish Centre, Westbury at 2.00pm.



### St. Nicholas' Children's choir

Boys and girls from first class up (any school!) are welcome to join our children's choir.



We practice every Wednesday during school term (from 6:30 to 7:15pm in St. Nicholas' Church) and we sing at 10:30 Mass every Sunday and also on Christmas morning.

If you are new, just come along to practice next Wednesday. All we ask of you is commitment and that you enjoy yourself.

Further details from Maura on 087 957 6148.

### Are you caring for a loved one with Dementia?

There is a family carers workshop of people with dementia in **The Clayton Hotel** in Limerick on **Tuesday the 25th September**, from **10:00 - 13:00**

For further information contact Kevin Deegan on 085 852 9352 Or email [kevin@carealliance.ie](mailto:kevin@carealliance.ie)



The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.