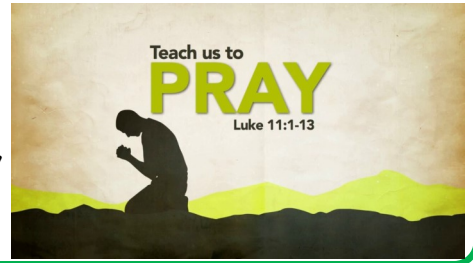




St. Nicholas' Parish News

24th July 2022
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time



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Mass Times

WEEKEND St. Nicholas Church: Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am,
St Munchin's College Chapel: 12 noon ,

WEEKDAY NB For July and August, there will not be a Week-day mass in St Munchin's College Chapel. All are welcome to join us in St Mary's for 10am mass daily

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come'. That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?
2. It can be helpful at times to pray the Lord's Prayer with one eye on what you see lies ahead for you in the day. Spend a moment thinking of what you have to do and then take each phrase of the Lord's Prayer and see how that speaks to your agenda.
3. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.
4. In the culture of the Middle East hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

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Prayer for when you can't receive communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



PARISH NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Children's Newsletter



Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about next Sunday's Gospel. We have our Saint of the Week, Video of the week as well as a picture to colour!

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/childrens-newsletter101/>

The church collection for the week ending 17th July 2022 amounted to €775.00.

It is very much appreciated. Thank you.



Thanks for Your Support!



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

NB Parish office will be closed on Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th July 2022.



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

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 Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara, Bobby, Shane, Anna and 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: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



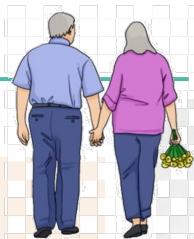
World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time in 2021. In 2022, the celebration falls on Sunday 24 July, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).

The Catholic Grandparents Association has been at the forefront in campaigning for a greater recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. The announcement of a new Church-wide celebration for Grandparents and the elderly came in answer to our prayerful request to the Holy Father Pope Francis.

This new worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

There is a pilgrimage taking place in Knock Shrine for Grandparents but for or those who are unable to join the pilgrimage in person, the ceremonies will be streamed live on the Knock Shrine website - www.knockshrine.ie



Grandparents

When God created grandparents,
the world was truly blessed
with all the special joys
that make a family happiest.

For grandparents know how to do the
little things that warm our heart...
they touch our lives with love and care
right from the very start...

They show that they believe in us
and all we're dreaming of...
When God created grandparents,
he blessed our lives with love...



We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren.

- Pope Francis



Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 24 July 2022
www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org