



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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Palm Sunday

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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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by Wednesday please.

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Feastdays— March

Mon 26—St. Theodore

Tues 27—St. Augusta

Thurs 29—St. Mark

Fri 30—St. Fergus



THE DEEP END: Fair weather friends

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won.

So begins Malcom Guite's sonnet 'Palm Sunday' (Sounding the Seasons, Canterbury Press, 2012), capturing the elation of the crowds that line the streets of Jerusalem to welcome Jesus. But their loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is soon deserted, betrayed, denied, and left to face humiliation and death alone.

Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune.

We can all see ourselves in the Passion. There are times, when things are going smoothly, when it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!' There are days when we struggle, when we are confused or upset and do not know what God expects of us. We can even turn our backs on him when the going gets tough, or when we cannot find the courage to stand up for our beliefs. This week we are the disciples walking with Jesus, on a journey that leads to the cross, and beyond.

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Holy Week



Holy Week Ceremonies

Holy Thursday :

9:45am Morning Prayer - St Munchin's College Chapel

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Nicholas Church (Adoration until 10pm)

Good Friday :

9:45am Morning Prayer - St Munchin's College Chapel

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - St. Nicholas Church

7:30pm Prayer around the cross - St Nicholas Church

Holy Saturday :

9:45am Morning Prayer - St Munchin's College Chapel

9pm Easter Vigil - St Nicholas Church

Easter Sunday :

6:15am Dawn Mass at the entrance to Shannon Fields (Irish Estates)

10:30am Mass - St Nicholas Church

12 Mass - St Munchin's College Chapel

Confessions for Holy Week

8pm : Holy Thursday—St. Nicholas Church

11am : Good Friday—St. Nicholas Church



The Salesian Sisters invite you to a simple prayer and time of reflection for the beginning of Holy Week as follows: Monday evening, March 26th at 7:30pm at 3 Oakton Road, Westbury. All are welcome



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

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: 6.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.

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.



Adoration Chapel Volunteers

We are looking for people to volunteer to commit to opening and closing the Adoration chapel one day a week. The Adoration chapel is located behind the altar in St Nicholas Church. It is normally open after 9am in the morning and closed around 6pm in the evening. Times will be flexible according to volunteers. A number of Parishioners have keys to the chapel, but we hope to have the chapel accessible to all. If you volunteer, we can organise a key for you. If you can commit to one day a week, please give your name in the Sacristy.
Much appreciated

Dawn Mass

6:15am at the entrance to Shannon Fields (Irish Estates)

All are welcome to celebrate with us the first light of Easter and breakfast in Jo and Dan's house afterwards.

Easter Family Mass and Easter Egg Hunt

Why not join us for a special Family Mass at 10:30am on Easter Sunday morning in St Nicholas Church.

This will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the closed in part of grounds of St. Nicholas church.

All families and children who join us for mass are welcome to the Easter Egg Hunt afterwards.



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 E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. John.085 7406822 Maura. 086 0429952



Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Healing Retreat on this Sunday, 25th March, 2018 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry

of Fr. Pat O'Sullivan, Limerick and Janice and Moss Carrig, Limerick.



Congratulations to the young people from our Parish and Scoil Ide who received an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation on Saturday.

YES
YES
YES
WELL
DONE
you did it!

Many thanks to their teachers, Parents, volunteers in our "You Shall Be my Witness" program and all who helped these young people prepare for Confirmation.

Thanks also to Bishop Brendan for his presence and kindness.



FEAR IS THE DEAFENING SOUND OF WAR. LOVE IS THE HAND THAT QUIETENS IT.

FEAR IS THE VOICE THAT'S NEVER HEARD. LOVE IS BREAKING THE SILENCE.

FEAR IS THE TRUTH THAT'S LOCKED IN THE DARK. LOVE IS THE COURAGE THAT FREES IT.

FEAR IS THE HUNGER THAT STARVES ALL HOPE. LOVE IS THE FOOD THAT FEEDS IT.

AS LONG AS PAIN EXISTS, AS LONG AS SUFFERING IS HERE, WE WILL STAY.

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Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up. - Jesse Jackson