

30th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

THE DEEP END - Love

The Pharisees continue their harassment of Jesus in today's Gospel by asking him which commandment is the greatest. What follows is the most famous verses of the New Testament: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul ... And ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' We probably can't hear this enough. Love is the greatest commandment and this is a radical statement. Because this love is agape love, i.e.

a love of those we don't even know or even like! It is a love that binds all of humanity.


We cannot separate love of God and neighbour; they are like two sides of a coin; they only work together. If we do not treat others with compassion, then how can we say we love God? Jesus often spoke about approaching the altar whilst holding a grudge against someone (Mt 5:24) and continuously challenged those who were hypocrites. Those critical of social justice movements in the church often say we should not be involved in doing 'social work'.

But this is exactly what we must do because this is how we love God, by loving our neighbour who is suffering, who is oppressed, who is in pain. We can love God and love people, there does not have to be a dichotomy. There is a beautiful practice in India of using the mystical phrase 'Namaste' in greetings, which means: 'the Divine in me greets the Divine in you'. Usually this is accompanied by a deep bow towards the person. How wonderful it would be to really see God present in each other and, more importantly, in those that society would rather cast aside. In this way we are being true to the greatest commandment.


'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.' St Therese of Lisieux

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Prepare a table
Cover it with a clean tablecloth and place a lit candle and crucifix on it.




ATTENDING THE EUCHARIST ONLINE
Though you will be viewing the Mass online, do remember that you are in the presence of an actual celebration of the Eucharist.
Here is what you could do to show due reverence:

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Be aware of the presence of God
Pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer. Spend time in quiet reflection at the end of Mass. Express your gratitude to God.

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Dress appropriately
Be respectful in your attire.

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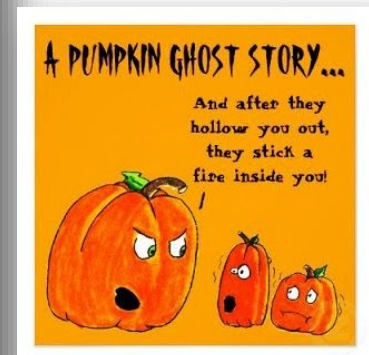


Avoid distractions
Give the Eucharistic celebration your whole attention. Switch off all electronic devices/mobiles. For this one hour, let your home become a church.

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Participate
Be attentive to the readings and the homily. Join the celebrant in the prayers and responses of the faithful. Join in singing the hymns.



CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

Limerick Diocese have a weekly Children's newsletter to download and print. Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about Sunday's Gospel. It includes Saint of the week, Video of the week and a picture to colour! <https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/category/resources/family/>



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Covid support lines for older people:

ALONE 0818 222024
SENIORLINE 1800 804591

Community call, Limerick City and County :
Phone: 1800 852 389 or
email: covidsupport@limerick.ie



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 11th Oct. 2020, 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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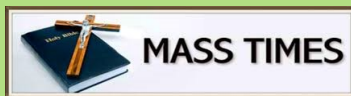
ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE CURRENTLY ONLINE ONLY

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE ONLINE FROM ST NICHOLAS CHURCH IN COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT GUIDELINES

Weekday: 9.45am Monday to Friday

Weekend: Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon



Online masses can be viewed live via the parish webcam at www.saintnicholasparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv

St Nicholas church will remain open each day for private prayer.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

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



By Wednesday, please send details to

Maura. 086 0429952

Grace. 086 8296193

or stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the Parish Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/



PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm-4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.

Phone: 061 341300



Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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 John, Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, and Dympna.

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, please contact the newsletter by email or phone.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL 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