

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Life through the lens of the Gospel World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself?

The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?

Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God's presence and action. For Jesus the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found reminders of God's presence in the world around you?

'An authentic faith - which is never comfortable or completely personal - always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it ... All Christians, their pastors included, are called to show concern for the building of a better world.' (Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium*, The Joy of the Gospel, No. 183)

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Used Clothing Collection

Support Shannon Banks Scouts fundraiser towards reopening the group while giving your wardrobes an Autumn clear out.

We Need:

Good Quality, Wearable Clothing, Paired Shoes, Hats, Scarves, Bed, Linen, Towels, Curtains, Belts & Handbags etc

We Cannot Accept:

Duvets or pillows, dirty or damp items, soft toys.

Where? Shannon Banks Scout hall



When? Thursday 15th September to Thursday 6th October at the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures meetings. (7-8pm)

We cannot accept goods after this time, your generosity and support is always appreciated

Contact 25thlimerickscouttroop@gmail.com

Charity Registration number: 20206082

How do trees
get onto the
internet?



A: They just LOG on!

What did one
leaf say to the
other?



A: I'm falling for you!

Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland

On Sunday October 9th, the annual Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Dear friends in St. Nicholas'

As I have my first week with ye behind me, I just wanted to say a sincere thank you for the really warm welcome I received from all I have met during the week. From the formal welcome I received at the beginning of each Mass to lovely greetings after Mass and around the parish from you the parishioners. It came as no surprise that so few of you had not heard of my native Ballyorgan, and ASAP I will organise a bus to bring ye out to see what I call the "Switzerland of Limerick"!

Thank you also to the principals of our schools Mr. Ray D'Arcy at Scoil Íde Primary and Mr. David Quilter at St. Munchin's College, who welcomed me so warmly to their school community and I look forward to working closely with them. Thank you to Fr. Gerard and Fr. John and the other members of staff for their openness and welcome on board, I look forward to working with them as a team for the betterment of all aspects of the parish.

I have no illusions but that many challenges face us as a faith community, but in challenges we find life, as you all know from your own personal and family life. Together, and it can only be together, we will face those challenges and be witnesses to the "Joy of the Gospel" which guides and directs our lives and builds and strengthens us individually, as families and as the faith and wider community of St. Mary's and St Nicholas'.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Richie.





ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 25 September

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries. If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening times to the office, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

With Sympathy mass cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available from the Parish Office.

email: saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 9.45am

St Munchin's College Chapel.

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, *St Nicholas' church*

Sun 12 noon, *St Munchin's College Chapel*

PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

Masses from *St Nicholas Church* can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website www.saintnicholasparish.ie or

<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

You can download the free app from the App store and click on St Nicholas church in the Limerick section.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/

BAPTISM are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 4.30pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. 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.

Please pray especially for Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Shane, Anna, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The collection last weekend came to € 890 . Many thanks for your loyalty and support to the parish.

BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT

Friday 30th September to Sunday 2nd October.

Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute).

Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Buses will leave from St Saviour's Dominican Church. Tickets available from the sacristy after 1pm Mass each day. €20 per ticket incl. tea & scone.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th November 2022.

Venue: The International Hotel, Cork Airport.

For more info / book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie

St Nicholas' Pastoral Parish Council meets on a monthly basis. The meetings generally take place early each month. If you would like to raise any items/issues at a meeting you could email your item to the following email:

saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com