

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary time

In the second reading from St James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on into the Gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down 'the little ones'. It is a lesson in tolerance and a call to care for the weak and vulnerable.

During this Season of Creation we are reflecting on the call to Restore Our Common Home and care more deeply for God's creation, to live out our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork. This means being aware of the facts of the crisis so that we can discern where we are being called to act. Scientists tell us that we are now living through the 6th mass extinction of life on our planet because of the catastrophic destruction of biodiversity due to human activity. We have plundered the earth. We are also aware that our world faces a devastating climate crisis. This Autumn, two vital UN conferences are due to take place, the UN Conference on Biodiversity (known as COP15, in China) and the UN conference on Climate Change (COP26 in Glasgow). Catholics all over the world have been invited to sign a petition addressed to the Presidents of these conferences, to raise our voices for God's Creation and encourage world leaders to take the necessary action. The petition is called 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People' and has been endorsed by the Vatican as the main action for Catholics to take during this Season of Creation. It is something we can all easily do by going to [www.thecatholicpetition.org](http://www.thecatholicpetition.org) and inviting our families and friends to do the same. Parishes, dioceses, universities, businesses, congregations can also sign. By taking part in this way, we are standing in solidarity with young people, with the poor who suffer the most from environmental destruction and with creation.

Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be carers of creation, to connect more deeply with the wondrous world around us, to take action against all that threatens our common home.

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### New hockey club based locally at **Seanchóill Sports Complex**



on Saturday Mornings catering for boys and girls in:

Junior Infants to Sixth Class and First Year to Fourth Year

Parents can register on [www.castletroyhockeyclub.ie](http://www.castletroyhockeyclub.ie)



Congratulations to all the Children of the Parish who received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion over the past month.



### 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.**

### THE PRAYER CHAPEL

is now open daily between **9.00am-5.00pm**  
For everyone's safety we kindly ask that you adhere to the following:

- \* Sanitise your hands when entering and exiting;
- \* To comply with social distance, only two people are permitted in the chapel at a time
- \* If you arrive and there are already two present, please leave and return later,
- \* No standing in the chapel
- \* Please sanitise kneeler/ chair after use

*Thank you for your cooperation.*



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 Ailish, Frank, Fiona, Niamh, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Orla, Ruby, Carmel.

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.



# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

## Sunday 26th September 2021

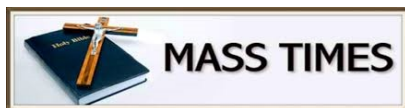
### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. 087 6261287

Fr. John O'Byrne 085 7491268

Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



#### WEEKDAY

9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, **St Munchin's College Chapel**

All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in **St Mary's** on Thursday and Friday.

#### WEEKEND

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

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

**TOILET FACILITIES** Please note that toilet facilities cannot be provided in St Nicholas' Church in order to adhere to strict Covid19 guidelines.

**PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING** Masses from **St Nicholas Church** can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website

[www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://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

[stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com)

Maura. 086 0429952

Grace. 086 8296193



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



[www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)



**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, You can do so by phoning or calling into the office based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury. **Phone: 061 341300**  
**email:** [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)



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.

#### USED CLOTHING COLLECTION

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

**Where?** Shannon Banks Scout hall

**When?** Monday to Thursday 7-8pm at the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures meetings, until Thursday 14th October.

We cannot accept goods after the 14th October, your generosity and support is always appreciated

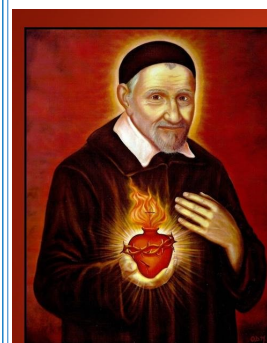


**We Need:** Good Quality, Wearable Clothing, Paired Shoes, Hats, Scarves, Bed Linen, Towels, Curtains, Belts & Handbags etc

**We Cannot Accept:** Duvets or pillows, dirty or damp items, soft toys.

Please Contact 0868296193 for information

Charity Registration number: 20206082



#### Happy Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul was born at Pouy, France on April 24, 1581. He was ordained a priest on September 23, 1600. Vincent devoted himself entirely to the alleviation of the sufferings of the poor, and to that purpose established the Confraternities of Charity, later known as the Ladies of Charity, in 1617. In 1625 he founded the Congregation of the Mission, his community of priests and brothers. With Louise de Marillac, he co-founded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. Vincent died in Paris on September 27, 1660 and was canonized in 1737. Pope Leo XIII declared him patron saint of all works of charity. [www.svdpsa.org](http://www.svdpsa.org)