

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Each child making their confirmation received their **Confirmation Journal** on the Enrolment night in October. In November the confirmation children will be using this Journal during the **"You shall be my Witnesses"** programme.



The dates for the "You shall be my Witness" programme are: **November 11th, 18th, 25th & Dec 2nd** from 7.30-8.30pm.

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

The 2019 Limerick Team hope Christmas shoebox appeal is running from Nov 11th to Nov 21st this year. For leaflets, information and collections please contact 087 6716154 for the local Corbally area. Items that can be included:

Something to Write with		
Pens/ Pencils	Colouring books	
Crayons	Markers	
Paper	Sharpeners & Erasers	
Something to Wash with		
Soap (wrapped)	Toothbrush	
Hairbrush	Toothpaste	
Comb	Facecloth	
Something to Wear		
Socks	Hat	
Underwear	Scarf	
Flip Flops	Gloves	
Something to Wow		
Cuddly toy	Sunglasses	
Skipping rope/ yo-yo	Stickers	
Sweets (in date until 03/18)	Doll	
Small musical instrument		
Photo of yourself		
Toy car		

Q: What do ghosts eat for supper?

A: Spooketi



Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

A: He didn't have any guts!



Q: What do birds say on Halloween?

A: Twick o tweet

SCOIL IDE 2020 COMMUNION DATES

Communion will be held in St. Nicholas' Church at 10.30am on the following dates:

Room 13: 26th April

Room 14: 10th May

Room 12: 17th May



The monthly local St Vincent De Paul collection will take place after masses next Weekend. Your generosity is always appreciated.

MID TERM BREAK

The children's choir is on mid term break.

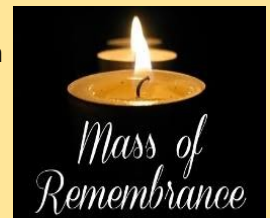
There will be **NO PRACTICE NEXT WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER.**



However the choir **WILL SING AT 10,30 MASS SUNDAY 3rd November.** Enjoy the break.

Our candlelight mass of remembrance will be celebrated at 6pm on Saturday 2nd November in St. Nicholas Church.

Everybody welcome.



The Deep End

• The meaning of life

After the Second World War, a Greek man named Alexander Papaderous founded an Institute of Peace and Understanding on the island of Crete, as a response to the atrocities that had taken place there during the war. One day, while taking questions at the end of a lecture, someone asked him 'What is the meaning of life?' In response, Papaderous took a small mirror out his wallet, and said: 'I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world - into the black places in the hearts of men and women - and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I'm about. This is the meaning of my life.'

Papaderous was a person of great humility, aware of how small and seemingly insignificant each one of us is, but full of faith that we can still do great things. Like the tax collector in the parable we hear today, he was aware of his unworthiness, but open to light and hope.

In today's Gospel we are invited to put ourselves in the shoes of the Pharisee, who regarded himself as superior to others, and the tax collector, who throws himself on the mercy of God. Which of them sees the bigger picture?

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St. Nicholas Parish News

Sunday October 27th 2019

30th Sunday in Ordinary time

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Fr. Gerard O'Leary 087 9378685

Salesian Sisters 061 348510



WEEKDAY MASSES:

St. Munchin's College:
9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 7.00pm
Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 6pm Saturday, 10.30am Sun

St. Munchin's College: 12 noon Sunday

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc. To be sent in to: Maura. 086 0429952, Grace. 086 8296193 or Email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com by 6pm Wednesday.



SAINTS DAYS

October 28 St Jude Thaddeus

29 St Narcissus

30 St Alphonsus Rodriguez

November 1 St Valentine Berrio-Ochoa

2 St Maura



Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for anyone who may need to book masses, get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Phone: 061 341300

ADORATION CHAPEL: The Adoration chapel is open from 9.30am to 6pm daily. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.



Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one month's notice.

Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month. Times: Saturday 5pm

St. Nicholas church and Sunday 1pm St. Munchin's College.

ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Boys and girls from 1st class up (any school) are welcome to join. Practice is every Wednesday from 6.30 to 7.15 in St. Nicholas Church. The choir sing at 10.30 mass every Sunday.

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 Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Kiera, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Mary, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Bernadette, Gwyneth, Young Michael and Eoin.

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 contact:

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Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

1. There can be an element of defensiveness in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?

2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that in prayer, when you are humble in this way, God lifts you up?

3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees another picture. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions?

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