

PARISH OFFICE

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am - 12.30 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.



BAPTISM



Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6pm Sat. St.Nicholas church, Sunday 1pm St.Munchin's College.

Remembering the Sick

*please
pray for
the sick*

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, Niamk, Jesse, Bernadette 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 let Maura/Grace know by E-mail:

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Or Tel: Maura 086 0429952, Grace 086 8296193

USED CLOTHING COLLECTION



Time for a Spring clearout?

On Thursday 2nd May, Scoil Ide are hosting a used clothing collection, to fundraise for updating school equipment. You can drop your filled bags into the school at anytime during the school day. Your support is much appreciated.

"Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count all the apples in a seed." Robert H. Schuller

Trócaire

"This is the Lord's doing: and it is wonderful in our eyes." Psalms 118:23. Trócaire thanks all parishioners and clergy for their support of this year's Lenten campaign. Please return Trócaire boxes so donations can be put to use as soon as possible helping the most vulnerable in the developing world. www.trocaire.org

MEDJUGORJE CONFERENCE and Day of Prayer

with Sr. Briege McKenna Saturday 31st August 2019 Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20.00 available on Eventbrite.ie. Enter discount code EARLYBIRD for discount price of €15 available until 31st May 2019.

All tickets purchased included in entry for free pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Cork or Dublin. Booking fees apply.

Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Shannon Banks Scout Group is holding a Bingo night fundraiser on Friday 10th May at 7.30pm, in St.Munchin's College.

All are welcome to join in the fun.



SPECIAL LIMERICK / CLARE PILGRIMAGE

(last remaining seats) based in Fatima 9th – 14th June 2019 will be in Lisbon for Feast Day of Saint Anthony. Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima.

Contact James Treacy 086-0572216

LOUGHDERG ONE DAY RETREATS begin

on Saturday 4th May and continue on 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 25th, 26th and 27th.

Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May?

A NEW event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day Saturday 18th May.

Booking essential. Tel: 0(0353) 71

9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org

www.loughderg.org <<http://www.loughderg.org>>

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Milford Care Centre is offering a Bereavement Support Education Programme, commencing on Wednesday 18th September 2019 and will run over 12 consecutive Wednesday evenings with a non-residential personal development weekend on 4th - 6th October 2019. Fees apply, some bursaries are available.

An Information Evening for the programme is taking place on Wed 15th May 2019 at 7.00pm in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick.

If you are interested or would like to get more information, please contact Ciara Labanyi (Social Work Department) at c.labanyi@milfordcc.ie or 061 201791 or Geraldine Aherne, (Education Department) at g.aherne@milfordcc.ie or 061 485841.

Please take home a copy of this newsletter. We encourage you to avail of it to promote upcoming events, let us know if someone needs prayers etc.



I tried to be vegetarian... but it was a big missed steak.



St. Nicholas Parish News

Sunday April 28th 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays:

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

St. Nicholas, Westbury
7.00pm Thursday

Weekends:

St. Nicholas: 7pm Sat.
10.30am Sunday
St. Munchin's College
12 noon Sunday

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

to be in to:

Maura. 086 0429952

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By Wednesday please.

SAINTS DAYS

April

28 St. Paul of the Cross

30 St. Catherine of Siena

May 1 **St. Joseph the worker**

1 Sts Philip & James, Apostles

3 Sts Timothy & Maura

4 St Monica

THOMAS - A SAINT FOR DARK TIMES



It's perfectly understandable: Thomas is having trouble believing that Jesus has returned to be with his friends again. The disciples, who witnessed Jesus' arrest, torture, death and burial, are now talking about having seen Jesus in the flesh again. It sounds impossible. Thomas was not there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, so of course he is doubtful.

Thomas' moment of doubt earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas', and I sometimes think this is a little unfair. Or rather, I feel that Thomas' wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light – it makes him easier to relate to. He is grieving after the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to hear the words of comfort and consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord.' His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, or won't believe it, until he experiences it

for himself. And when he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonising eight days later, his declaration of faith is swift: 'My Lord and my God!' We can almost hear the relief and joy in this exclamation.

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. It can be hard to hang onto our faith when we are in pain, or grieving, or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we just can't see the light. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt. In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the Risen Christ.

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co Roscommon

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Helena Kowalska, born in Poland in 1905, entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw when she was 20. Received with the assessment of being 'no one special' and named Faustina, she worked in a few different communities of her congregation as baker, gardener, gate-keeper. She suffered a lot from ill-health and died in 1938 in Krakow where she was buried.

A few short years later and not too far away from where she had worked at one time, a young Karol Wojtyla worked in a quarry in Nazi-occupied Poland. Later he became a priest and Archbishop of Krakow. In 1965 he would initiate the process of investigating the holiness of Sr. Faustina. Later, as Pope John Paul II, he beatified her, and in 2000 she was canonised by him in Rome, becoming St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the first saint of the new millennium.

So runs the very brief outline of this incredible woman, who lived just 35 years, and whose short life was to proclaim to the whole world the truth, revealed in the Scriptures, of the merciful love of God for each of us. She established the Devotion of Divine Mercy, gave us the portrait / image of Jesus as Divine Mercy, with the words 'Jesus, I trust in You'; called for the establishment of the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday after Easter; gave us the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and asked us to pray and meditate on Christ's Passion at 3 pm., the hour of Great Mercy, each day. Her spirituality, which many follow, is to show a childlike trust in God, trying to do His will, and always showing an attitude of mercy to one's neighbour.

Noel O'Meara C.S.Sp.

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