

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Life through the lens of the Gospel

The parable brings out two contrasting experiences, but each in its own way can be a moment of grace, a moment of truth, a moment of growth. You may be able to recall such experiences in your life. In the first (verses 8, 9) we discover that we had claimed a place that is too high for us; we are not as selfless, generous or compassionate as we thought we were. In the second (v.10) when others point out a goodness in ourselves that we may not have acknowledged to ourselves. How have you grown through such experiences?

In verses 12-14 Jesus warns us against the danger of ulterior motives in doing good. We can do good things partly because of the benefit we will get from what we do. That is natural but can lead to disappointment and resentment when our expectations are not met. When the good deed in itself is our reward, we have a greater freedom. Feedback will be a bonus but not necessary. What does your life experience tell you about this?

Farewell and Thank You Father Derek

As so many of us have been away over the past few months, Father Derek's departure is only now filtering through the lines of communication.

On behalf of all parishioners, we thank him again for his service to our community of prayer, particularly during recent difficult years. He will be greatly missed but we are sure he will continue to bring his many fine talents to challenging new responsibilities.

So, Father Derek, John O'Donoghue's wish is ours:

*"May the sacredness of your work
bring light and renewal
To those who work with you
And to those who see and receive
your work."*

May God bless you and keep you
always in His loving care.

St Nicholas' Parish Pastoral Council

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC PARENTS

On Tuesday 6th September, there will be a conference on Zoom hosted by 'The Hook of Faith'.

The topic of the conference will be: 'Supporting Catholic Parents: Sharing the Catholic Vision of Love and Human Sexuality with Our Children'.

The speaker will be Fr Chris Hayden, author of the recently published book: 'A Better Vision: Understanding and Living the Catholic Vision of Human Sexuality'. The conference will begin at 8pm and conclude at 9pm. All are welcome.

All you need to do to take part is send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com

This conference is designed to help Catholic parents be the best educators of their children in the areas of faith and morality in our modern culture.

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

ST NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR is returning on Tuesday 13th September (6.30pm - 7.15pm) All boys and girls from second class upwards are welcome, including teenagers!!!! Also needed are musicians both young and old .

Please contact Kelly on 087 0514380 or Gina on 087 6728731.

Rehearsals will take place for a few weeks before a return to mass Sunday mass at 10.30am





ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

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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 Summer schedule

for July and August, there will not be a Weekday mass in St Munchin's College Chapel. All are welcome to join us in St Mary's for 10am mass daily

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.

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.

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.



for your continued support at the weekly church Collections,

€815 week ending 14th Aug

€620 week ending 21st Aug

back2school
prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school."

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Amen.