



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 28th July 2019  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Mass times:

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

7.00pm – Thursday

### Weekends:

**St Nicholas** 6.00pm – Sat.  
(Summer months)

10.30 am – Sunday

**St Munchin's College**

12 noon – Sunday



Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc.

Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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**by Wednesday please**

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### Feast Days – July

**Mon 29** – St. Martha

**Tue 30** – St. Peter  
Chrysologus, Bishop

**Wed 31** – St. Ignatius of  
Loyola

## The Deep End

### When asked how we should pray, Jesus teaches the Our Father

'Lord teach us to pray.' If someone asked this today of a faith leader, we might get a long list of possibilities based on different tastes, cultures and trends. Millions of books have been written on prayer, how to pray, what method, where, when, how to sit, what to wear, what attitude one should have, and so on. Yet here, Jesus gives his disciples a very direct response, actual words in a formula, that they should recite.

In Jesus' time there were many rabbis who would have certain prayers for their followers to say, almost as a way of identifying their group. The Lord's prayer is the prayer of Jesus' disciples, so it is our prayer too. It is among the first prayers we learn as children. It is a prayer of identity for Christians. When we are in a moment of crisis, when all other words fail us, it is often the 'go-to' prayer.

After teaching the Lord's prayer, Jesus tells a story about a man whose friend goes to him at midnight looking for bread for another friend. It might appear to be a confusing story, but the emphasis is on the power of praying for another's need. In the early church and today, this is seen as the work of the people of God, the baptized: to pray for the world and the needs of others. Then we go beyond ourselves and our own interests, reaching out and opening up, rather than being closed in on ourselves.

Ask, and it will be given you search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Triona Doherty  
Athlone, Co Roscommon  
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## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come.' That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?

2. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.

3. In the culture of the Middle East, hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God, what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

John Byrne osa  
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### Parish Office Opening hours.

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—12.30. for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house. Phone: 061-341300

### Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 9.30am to 6.00pm each day. 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 & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 5.00pm Saturday evening (for summer months) St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



# KNOCK

## St. Nicholas' Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 17th August, 2019

Coach leaves St. Nicholas' Church at 8:30a.m.

St. Munchin's College Gate at 8:35a.m.

Fare €12

Names taken in Sacristy or ring 345 681

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 38th Anniversary

Departing from Shannon on 5th Sept 7 nights half board accommodation 725 euro, Full religious programme accompanied by Marian Pilgrimages spiritual directors Fr T Egan, Fr D Quirke. Contact John O'Brien group leader 086 8586304

### Limerick Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome - October 2019

Bishop Brendan Leahy is leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman. The new saint visited Limerick twice in 1852 and 1854 and resided for some time in the Diocese. The pilgrimage will depart on a Ryanair flight leaving Dublin at 4.30pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, returning from Rome at 9pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>.

For further details please contact Limerick Diocesan Office on Tel. 061-350000. Email: [office@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:office@limerickdiocese.org)

For July and August there will be no weekday Masses. Mass is as normal for the weekends. (Note Saturday evening Mass in St. Nicholas is now at the time of 6pm for the summer). Daily Mass at 10am in St. Mary's Church, Athlunkard Street, Monday to Friday.



### Remembering those who are Sick

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those 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, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Mary, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse 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:

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Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection on

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August 2019.

Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

## My Garden of Prayer



My garden beautifies my yard and adds fragrance to the air, But it is also my cathedral and my quiet place of prayer. So little do we realize that the glory and the power of Him who made the universe lies hidden in a flower!

Helen Steiner Rice

Go out and enjoy your garden this weekend. Work, rest, play and pray and reflect on its wonders