

**SUNDAY 2nd August, 18th Sunday of Ordinary time**

## **THE DEEP END - NOT ENOUGH**

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Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? We all have times when we feel as though we do not have 'enough' to offer, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless - whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough.

But where we see 'not enough,' God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish,' say the disciples to Jesus - a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty.

We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large crowd that followed him. They have been out all day and are hungry, not to mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough.' What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined. We too are limited in what we have to offer. But whatever we can give - to our families and friends, to those in need - God sees and blesses and multiplies.

'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'

ST GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS

## **CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER**

Limerick Diocese have a weekly Children's newsletter to download and print.

Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about Sunday's Gospel. It includes Saint of the Week, Video of the week and a picture to colour!



<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/category/resources/family/>





## ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

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All Masses will be held in St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

**Weekday:** 9.45am Monday–Wednesday

**Weekend:** Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 10.30am and 12 noon

Places are limited during public mass for the time being, please follow the stewards and public health guidelines in place.

### ONLINE MASSES:

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/news/masses-available-online-and-on-the-radio-in-the-diocese-of-limerick/>

10.30am Sunday Mass from **St Nicholas** church is streamed live on the parish Facebook page:

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

### ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.



Please send to Maura.  
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### PARISH OFFICE OPENING

**TIMES:** Tues 2pm–4pm and  
Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for  
Church related enquiries.

Phone: 061 341300



**Holy  
Baptism**

Baptism bookings will be taken from mid July. Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.



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, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Kiera, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Amy, Anna, Gwyneth, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Séamas, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes 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: the newsletter by email or phone.

