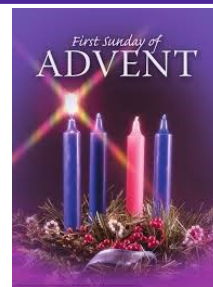




St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 2nd December 2018
First Sunday of Advent

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St Munchin's College

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm — Thursday

Weekends:

St Nicholas 7.00pm — Sat.

10.30 am — Sunday

St Munchin's College

12 noon — Sunday

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Please feel free to take home a copy of this news-letter. 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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Saints Feast Days December

Mon 3—St. Francis Xavier

Wed 5—St. Gerald

Thurs 6—St. Nicholas

(Patron Saint of our Church)



Please come along on **Monday 10th December** from 7pm to help Precious and Mike with sprucing up OUR Church for Christmas. It would be great if you would.

The more who come the better. Don't think there are little cleaning elves who do it! Santa is too busy to wave his magic over it.

Lets get St. Nicholas Church sparkling for the **BIG (Birth)DAY!**

Bring whatever you can that could help with the cleaning e.g. polish, dusters, hoovers etc.

Thank you so much, in advance for your help!



Trócaire Gifts of Love

Support families affected by long-term poverty and injustice overseas by buying a Trócaire Gift this Christmas.

There are 14 gifts to choose from ranging from soap (as little as €5) and chicks through to shelter and water wells. This year, there are also a number of new additions including 'Help for Grandparents', which will support those who are raising their grandchildren in the developing world, and 'School Kits' to send a child to school.

To buy a Gift of Love please talk to Noel at the back of the church in St.

Nicholas and St. Munchins on 8/9th December. You can also contact Trócaire on 01 629 3333 or go to [https://](https://www.trocaire.org/gifts)

www.trocaire.org/gifts.

Trócaire would like to thank all of our generous supporters who have bought Trócaire Gifts over the years.



THANK YOU

CúChulainn cubs, Shannon Banks want to thank everyone who was able to support our Charity Bake sale on Sunday 25th November. €220 in proceeds was raised for the Share a Dream Foundation.

St Nicholas Parish Giving Tree

Please drop back the gifts to either church on or before Sunday, December 9th. Thank You for your generosity.



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: 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 month's notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



PRAY
FOR THE SICK

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, Fiona and Scarlett.
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 John/Maura know by E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com
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Maranatha Christmas Healing Retreat and family Tree Mass, next Sunday, 9th December, 2018 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick

through the Ministry of Fr. Michael O'Shea, Limerick. All welcome.



Our Parish Carol Service by candlelight will take place on Thursday, December 13th at 7:30pm pm in St Nicholas church, Westbury.
It will be a festive evening with Carols by our three Parish choirs and offering us a chance to reflect on the reason for the season.
Seasonal refreshments will follow.
All welcome.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th.

Next Saturday is a Holy day.
Mass is at 9:45am in St Munchin's College chapel and 7pm in St Nicholas church.



Celebrating the Feast of St Nicholas

As we honour St Nicholas, we will have the traditional blessing of Candy canes at the Family mass at 10:30am next Sunday, December 9th.
This is also a "Do This in Memory" mass.



This week our parish posada begins its Advent journey.

As Mary and Joseph travel through our parish visiting the English, Chapot, Baragry, Geary, Devon, Benbo, Browne and Small families, we remember all families in need of our prayers and help during this Advent Season.

The Salesian Sisters invite you to join them for a short advent prayer on **Tuesday 4th December at 7:30pm** at their home at 3 Oakton Road, Westbury.

"Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more ..." -
Dr. Seuss

Devotion to the Sacred Heart/Immaculate Heart

Mass on Friday 7th December at 10.15pm and 12 mid-night in Raheen Church. Confessions included.

Christmas: The time of year when everyone gets Santamental.

