

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

Bishop Leahy has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church (NBSCCCI) to undertake an audit of the safeguarding arrangements in the Diocese of Limerick. This audit will commence in January 2020. Any person who wishes to express their views about safeguarding in Limerick Diocese can contact the NBSCCCI at New House, Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare Phone no: 01 505 3124 Fax: 01 505 3026.
Email: admin@safeguarding.ie <<mailto:admin@safeguarding.ie>>
The Diocesan Safeguarding Website can be accessed at: <http://www.limerickdiocesesafeguarding.com/>

What did the tree say
when spring finally arrived?

Well, that's a Re-Leaf!



The Saturday evening choir are looking for new choir members. Singers and Instrumentalists are welcome. Please contact any member of the choir for more information.

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

Brigid was raised by Druids in Ireland and as a child heard St. Patrick preach.

She never forgot that and it was St. Patrick who heard her final vows upon entering into the convent.

She founded a double monastery in Kildare, an art school and many convents all over Ireland.

Her extraordinary spirituality, charity and compassion for those distressed were legendary.



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St. Brigid of Ireland

USED CLOTHING COLLECTION

Support **Shannon Banks Scouts** fundraiser towards summer activities while giving your wardrobes a Spring clear out.

We are asking for donations of old clothing and accessories.

We Need: Used Clothing, Paired Shoes, Hats, Scarves, Bed, Linen, Towels, Curtains, Belts & Handbags

We Cannot Accept: Duvets or pillows, dirty or damp items, soft toys.

Where? Shannon Banks Scout hall

When? Every evening Friday to Thursday, 7th to 13th February, at Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Ventures meetings.



We cannot accept goods after this time, your generosity and support is always appreciated.

Contact Grace 0868296193 for more information.



THE DEEP END

Unexpected moments:

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child - that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

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St. Nicholas Parish News

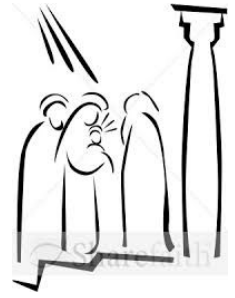
Sunday February 2nd 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

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WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 7.00pm Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Nicholas, Westbury:

6pm Saturday, 10.30am Sun

St. Munchin's College: 12 noon Sunday

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER



We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc. To be sent in to: Maura. 086 0429952, Grace. 086 8296193 or Email:

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com by 6pm Wednesday.

FEAST DAYS: *February*

1 *St Brigid*

3 *St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*

5 *St Agatha*

7 *St Mel, Bishop Ardagh and Clonmacnois*



Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for anyone who may need to book masses, get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Phone: 061 341300

The Adoration chapel is open from 9.30am to 6pm daily. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.



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: Saturday 5pm St. Nicholas church and Sunday 1pm St. Munchin's College..



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, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Kiera, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank,

Ger, Mary, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Amy, Anna, Gwyneth, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Séamas, Eamon 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: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Maura 086 0429952/ Grace 086 8296193

ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The choir sing at 10.30 mass every Sunday. We practice every Wednesday in St. Nicholas Church from 6,30 to 7,15. New members, boys and girls from first class up, any school, very welcome to join.

For more information contact Maura 0879576148



IF Candlemas Day BE
FAIR AND BRIGHT, Winter WILL
HAVE ANOTHER FIGHT. IF
Candlemas Day BRINGS
CLOUD AND RAIN, Winter
will not come again.

