



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 2nd June 2019

7th Sunday of Easter

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## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

### The Ascension of the Lord

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1. The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.
2. Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?
3. In particular, Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life?
4. Stay in the city until... Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What has been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, the birth of a baby, etc)?

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### Mass times:

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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### Feast Days — June

Mon 3—St. Kevin

Tue 4—St. Charles

Wed 5—St. Boniface

Thurs 6—St. Jarlath

Fri 7—St. Colman

*"We are members one of another (Eph 4:25) From social network communities to the human community"*

Pope Francis—World Communications Day Sunday 2 June 2019



St. Nicholas Parish Meditation group at the end of their retreat day in the Salesian Sisters house in Westbury



### 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: 6.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



### Thought For The Week

**"In the same way you too must build your life on good solid foundations that will last and endure." ~Matthew 7:27**

In secondary schools all over Ireland during the week, Graduation Masses and Graduation Ceremonies took place for Leaving Cert students. Every school puts great planning into the ceremony and it is always one of the highlights of the school year. It is a celebration of the journey of each student through the school, a celebration of their unique gifts and talents, a celebration of their contribution to life so far and looking forward in hope to new beginnings. It is a time to pause and reflect on the many memories made during their time in school.....

....It was an acknowledgement of how important good solid foundations are for all of us on our journey through life. The fast pace of the world we live in today does not always guarantee such solid foundations. Building solid foundations is a lifelong task and we all have a part to play.

During a ceremony of light a candle was passed from a Grandparent to a Parent and then to their child. Here are the words that were used:

"Parents, this light encompasses all the love and care you have showered on these young adults over the years. You have helped, advised, assisted and no doubt you will continue to do so for many years to come. To all our young people, you are the future. Within you, you embody change, hope and enthusiasm for a brighter, better tomorrow. Cherish this light, protect it and mind it. At times it may grow dim, it may even flicker and struggle but with your guidance, care and attention it will remain strong and thrive. It is something valuable; a gift, that in time you will pass on to others."

Extract from *Today is My Gift to You*  
by Fr. James McSweeney  
Bantry, Cork

**If you think the Mona Lisa is stunning,  
you should look at my masterpiece in the  
mirror! God**



**For the Summer months, beginning in June, the Saturday evening Mass in St Nicholas church will be at the earlier time of 6pm. For those who wish a later Mass on Saturday, Mass in St Mary's is at 7:30pm. The change of time will help facilitate Fr Derek and Fr John in trying to cover both Parishes and hopefully will better suit Parishioners.**



### 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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### Prayer for Students



At this time we are very conscious of all those preparing for the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate exams as well as those who are finishing exams in college.

We pray for these students and remember them in a special way - a way of telling those doing exams that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Ever loving and eternal God be with me as I prepare to sit my examinations.*

*Give me peace of mind and quietness of heart so that I may approach each exam with confidence and trust.*

*Open my heart to believe that with you all things are possible*

*and because you have created me I am worth much more than all the exams in the world.*

*Teach me Lord that there will be many opportunities for using my gifts and talents in the future.*

*Bless that future and be with me, my family and my friends especially when the road is difficult,*

*and when all is going well may I give thanks for your care and love through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

