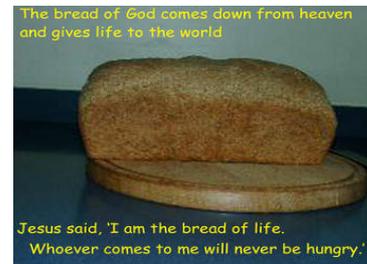




St Nicholas Parish News
18th Sunday of Year
2 August 2015
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Mass times:
9.45am
 Mondays, Tuesdays
 Wednesdays. St.
 Munchin's College
7.00pm—Thursdays &
 Fridays. St. Nicholas'
Weekends:
St. Nicholas'
 7.00pm Saturday
 10.30 am— Sunday
St. Munchin's College:
 12.00 noon Sundays.

Items for newsletter
 to be in to
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Feasts this Week
 Tues 4th: St. John Vianney
 Wed 5th: Our Lady of
 Snows
 Thurs 6th: Transfiguration
 Sat 8th: St. Dominic

Readers next weekend:
Sat: 7pm Celine Holland,
 Isabel Earls
Sun: 10.30: Mary Kelly,
 Emmett Fitzgerald
12.00: P. Cronin, F. Quillinan



'DESIRE

In Titian's painting Noli Me Tangere (1511-15), the risen Jesus veers just inches away from Mary's touch. She may, in a second, fall to the ground. In the eternal now of the painting, however, she remains just inches away. Mary desires touch to make sense of sight but must learn to let go in order know her rabbi more deeply. A resuscitated Jesus could only ever be a phantom, a zombie even. The risen Jesus remains present no longer as the mistaken gardener but in the bodies of others, in the touch of the community that form his body.



In today's readings Paul and John both speak of desire. Paul urges the Ephesians to abandon old desires and illusions while John's Jesus tells his followers that their desire is misplaced. They are looking for food that rots but he is offering himself as bread from heaven. Paul asks his readers to desire Christ, to unite themselves to his body. Likewise, in the Gospel, Jesus offers his body. This is no attempt to flee the world. Instead, Christian faith invites us to live as the body of Christ and, in so doing, experience his presence in the bodies of others.

Paul Clogher

Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Baby Tommy, Mia, Dan, Catherine, Helen, Tony, Marie, John, Brendan, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Rita, Paddy, Michael, Eric, Kate, Baby Reuben, Michael, Vera, Frank, Bridget, Breda, Michael, Pat, David, Anthony, Ann, Maureen & Patrick. Let us pray for those, facing surgery & tests, in nursing homes, and all who care for our sick.



Camino

Those walking the Camino will be very happy to take our petitions with them, pray for and place them in the tomb of St. James.



Parish Pilgrimage to Knock
St. Nicholas' Parish
Pilgrimage to KNOCK



This will take place on Saturday 22 August. Bus will leave from St. Nicholas' Church at 8.30am and St. Munchin's College gate at 8.35am. It is important to book a seat in time. This can be done in the Sacristy following Mass or ring 345681
 One of the speakers on this day will be: **Dan O'Connell**, Lecturer in Religious Education, UL: 'What is God doing in my Family?'
 Workshop at 12.00noon: Dan O'Connell: **'Grow in Love'** – The New Religious Education Programme for Primary Schools

Whatever you decide to do make sure it makes you happy



Baptisms

Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 6.00p.m.. Please make all necessary arrangements with Fr. Derek.

Next meeting to prepare for this special day will be on Thursday 3 September at 7.30p.m. in St. Nicholas' Church.

YOUTH 2000 FESTIVAL

This year it is taking place from **Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th August 2015**. Registration will begin at 6pm on Thursday evening. It will take place at Cistercian College, Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. There are free buses from various locations around the country ([online from June 2015](#)). The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is full of variety. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. It is a packed program but there is also time for chatting, sitting, relaxing, soccer and generally chilling. The theme for the festival is "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" John 14:



This is a youth event. We are encouraging those aged between 16 - 35 years to attend.

Parish Office

The parish office will be open each Wednesday from 2—4 and Thursday 9.30—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

Lough Derg Pilgrimages

God's healing grace is experience on Lough Derg in an intensity seldom encountered elsewhere: through spiritual exercise, companionship of other pilgrims and the sheer holiness of the place. Daily boats from 10.30 until 3.00p.m. every day until mid August. No booking necessary.

Further information from 071 9861518. e-mail info@loughderg.org

Sacred Space102fm

West Limerick Radio religious program. It offers inspirational interviews, resources, information and saints feast days every single week. 10am-11am Sunday mornings and 11pm-12pm

Walk

St. Nicholas Parish, are having a walk from St. Nicholas Church to Killaloe, on Saturday 5th September.

The walk will begin in the Church car park at 9.00am.

We will walk to Black Water Bridge and then go off road up along the canal as far as Parteen Weir.

We will walk up Hill Road from there to Killaloe (Hill Road runs parallel to the main road).

The walk is 22 Kilometres in total.

Anyone interested in going on the walk please contact Patrick McNamara @ 0872228925

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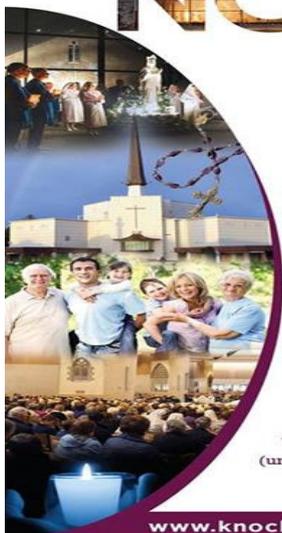
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14 - 22 August

THEME: *'Faith & Family'*

Daily Ceremonies
3.00pm and 8.30pm
taking place in the Basilica

Workshops
12.00 noon and 6.00pm
taking place in St. John's Rest & Care Centre
(unless otherwise stated – see overleaf for further details)



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