



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 8th March 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

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St Munchin's College.

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm — Thursday

Weekends:

St Nicholas 6.00pm — Sat.

10.30 am — Sunday

St Munchin's College

12 noon — Sunday



Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. 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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Feast Days — Mar

Sun 8 — St. John of God

Mon 9 — St. Frances of Rome

Thought For Today

A short reflection called 'Safe in the Hands of the Lord'

A child picks up a small bird that has fallen from its nest. She makes her hand into a little nest to keep it from falling. But she does not make her little hand into a cage for she has no intention of possessing the bird or turning it into a pet. Having reassured the bird that it is in safe hands, she slowly raises it up and up. Then when the moment is right, she releases it. She rejoices when it succeeds in keeping itself aloft and happier still when it flies off. That is what real love is all about.



It's the same for each of us. Jesus gently holds us in his hands. The invitation each day is to leave the nest of his hands, to do our bit, to live today well with all its richness and blessings. And whenever we want we can return to the nest, for reassurance and guidance, for comfort and protection, for direction and conversation and to know that we are always safe in the hands of the Lord.

Fr. James McSweeney
www.todayismygifttoyou.ie

The St. John's Bible, sometimes described as "the American Book of Kells", has been critically acclaimed as both a work of art and a work of theology. The Saint John's Bible Heritage Program is an international initiative for individuals and institutions to explore the artistic and spiritual beauty of The Saint John's Bible.

To celebrate the involvement of Mary Immaculate College with The Saint John's Bible a series of events are being organized by the Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies in March 2020.

Open Evening, Keynote Address and Breakout Sessions:

7.00pm Keynote Address: From Inspiration to Illumination, an Introduction to The Saint John's Bible, by Tim Ternes, the Director of The Saint John's Bible in Minnesota.

8.15pm Break-out Sessions - participants choose between:

1. The Calligraphic Nature of the Bible: Susie Leiper, one of the artists who worked on the Bible.

2. Bringing Jesus to Life: Dr Jonathan Burroughs, Lecturer in Theology & Religious Studies at Mary Immaculate College.

Date: March 10th 2020 T116, Tara Building, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Campus

Cost: €20.00

Day of Immersion, Retreat and Recollection:

Experience the Word Come to Life - a Retreat Day with The Saint John's Bible

This is essentially a day of recollection and prayer, with the focus on an in-depth experience of the volumes of The Saint John's Bible. This day will be confined to a group of 30 people.

Date: March 11th 10.00am to 6.00pm

Venue: Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co Limerick.

Cost: €50 (including lunch)

Further Information & Booking:

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Parish Office Opening hours.

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm 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 month's notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 5.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



Passover Meal

Our Parish Passover meal will soon be organised in our Parish.

It is a lovely opportunity for preparing for Holy week and reflecting on the Last Supper and Jesus' Jewish heritage.

Parishioners who have taken part before have always enjoyed it. Unfortunately, we are limited in space and numbers and can't invite everyone. To address this, each year the organising committee invites different Parishioners from different ministries eg readers, Eucharistic Ministers, church cleaners, Parent Program. We hope to give everyone an experience of the Passover meal.

Although some people would like to go every year, this isn't possible. Thank You for your understanding and consideration of your fellow 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, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Anna and Amy. 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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Confessions for Lent

Our Parish Reconciliation service will take place next Monday, March 9th at 7pm in St Nicholas church, Westbury.

For those taking the risk of returning to the sacrament, we aim to make it as gentle and welcoming as possible.

We will celebrate a simple form of confession where we invite parishioners to confess one or two sins and receive God's forgiveness.

All welcome.

Theology on Tap Young adults are invited to Theology on Tap at Bobby Byrnes on Tuesday 10 March beginning at 8pm. Paul César, former convict and gang member will be sharing the story of how God touched him at the moment when all seemed lost. Finger food will be provided. For more information, contact vocations@limerickdiocese.org.

THEME: WOMEN PROTECTING THEIR FAMILIES

Around the world, women are on the frontline of protecting their families from grave threats. Whether it is conflict, hunger or a lack of rights, these women are holding their families together and battling enormous odds to provide for their children.

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You can help women like Angela and Madris by supporting their Lenten campaign. Please take home a Trocaire box and visit our website at www.trocaire.org