

# 30th January 2022

Fourth Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time

1. The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy had something to teach them. Fixed ideas about people can at times block us from hearing what is being said. What a difference when we drop our prejudices! Perhaps you have experienced hearing an important truth when you focussed on what was being said, rather than on the person saying it?

2. The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. For them, God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?

3. Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others?

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## 2nd February, Candlemas



## FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM 2022

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, 23<sup>rd</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Scripture Scholar). In association with Premier Travel, Cork Contact Mícheál at 086-8337681 or email [info@carpediemtours.ie](mailto:info@carpediemtours.ie) (See also our website: [www.carpediemtours.ie](http://www.carpediemtours.ie))

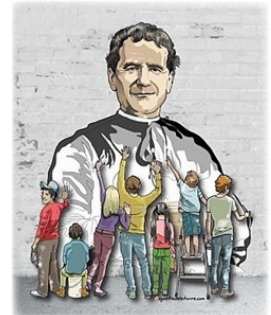
What former pilgrims have said about this tour: 'Masada was awe inspiring but I was moved by Calvary in a way I could not imagine or describe' (Mike) 'Keep it up, the happiness you brought to your pilgrims will never be forgotten,' (Alice) 'We will now read and hear the gospels in a very different light since our pilgrimage', (Lucille)

**SCOIL IDE:** Applications for Junior Infants 2022/23 will close on 1st February 2022. In September 2022 three classes will be taken in, in line with the department of education guidelines. Please see full details online at [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie)

**PARTEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL:** Applications for Junior infants Sept 2022 are being accepted until 1st February 2022. Application Form for Admission is available by emailing [office@parteenschool.ie](mailto:office@parteenschool.ie), Phone: 061-340457

## St John Bosco

**Monday, Jan 31st** is the feast of St. John Bosco, the saint of young people. We pray his care for all the young people of our parish and for all those who influence their lives.



### A Prayer for Young People

We pray  
that you will always feel valued and loved for who you are  
that you will be resilient and learn how to pick yourself up when you fall  
that you will always have faith, in yourself, in the goodness of others, and in God  
that you will be humble and ask for help when you need it  
that you will be kind, courageous and confident  
that you will use the talents and gifts that you have, to make this world a better place for all  
that you will always be grateful for what you have  
that you will appreciate the earth and protect it  
that you will live in peace  
that you will find good friends and that you will never feel alone  
that you will live a life of joy  
that you will find a purpose and meaning in life  
that you will be generous enough to share your light with others  
Amen

## 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



# ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

## Sunday 30th January

### 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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**OFFICE OPENING TIMES:** Tues 2pm–4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries. If you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your parish, please phone or call at opening times to the office, based at St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

With Sympathy mass cards & Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available from the Parish Office.

email: [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

9.45am Mon, Tues, Wed, *St Munchin's College Chapel*.  
 10am in *St Mary's* : Thurs and Friday.

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, *St Nicholas' church*  
 Sun 12 noon , *St Munchin's College Chapel*

#### PARISH LIVE STREAMING MASSES

Masses from *St Nicholas Church* can be viewed live via the parish webcam at the parish website [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie) or

<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>

You can download the free app from the App store and click on St Nicholas church in the Limerick section.

#### ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, share good news, etc. please send details to

[stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholaspnewsletter@gmail.com)

Maura. 086 0429952 or Grace. 086 8296193

**FACEBOOK** [www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)

**BAPTISM** are held every 2nd and 4th weekend on Saturday at 4,30pm in St. Nicholas Church and on Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



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.

Please pray especially for Frank, Fiona, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Eamon, Declan, John, Agnes, Muirinn, Ruby, Carmel, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara.

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.



The total figure for the collection taken at the weekend masses for the weekend ending 23rd January 2022 is €610

MY JESUS, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT. I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU IN MY SOUL. SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY, COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART. I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU. NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU. AMEN.

SPIRITUAL ACT OF COMMUNION

