



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 17th November 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:

Maura. 086 0429952
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by Wednesday please
 E-mail:
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Feast Days — Nov

Thurs 21—Presentation of Our Lady
Fri 22 —St. Cecelia
Sat 23 —St. Columban

For his message marking the third **World Day of the Poor**, Pope Francis' has chosen the theme '**The hope of the poor shall not perish forever**', which is taken from the Book of Psalms.

In his message Pope Francis says that Christians must sow hope among the poor.

Please give generously

Seosamh Ó Cuinneagáin (Joe Cunningham) is making his annual appeal for donations on behalf of the Street Children of Calcutta at this weekend Masses in St. Nicholas and St. Munchins Churches. All donations go directly for food and education for the Street Children of Calcutta.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh
Thank you

The Deep End • Endurance'

We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited, having seen how magnificent the Temple is, but the time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings.' These things do not last. At some point, we have all seen and heard someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing.

Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crisis that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is asking people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

'Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements. Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: it is by endurance that we win our lives.'

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ABBAY SARSFIELDS GAA CLUB PHOTOS

On 5th December 2019, Abbey Sarsfields celebrates it's 25th anniversary. They're looking for any club related photos over the past quarter of a century. These photos will be displayed on social media.

If you have any photos please forward them to pro.abbaysarsfields.limerick@gaa.ie



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 months 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.



PARISH POSADA

This weekend we begin preparation for our parish posada.

Posadas (Spanish for inns) is an advent tradition revolving around the concept of hospitality. During Advent a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel on a roster basis around our parish visiting a different home every night.

If you would like to welcome Mary and Joseph to your home, you can sign up after all masses next weekend. The home receiving Mary and Joseph on December 23rd must bring them to the 9pm vigil mass in St. Munchin's college Chapel. By signing up to Posada, you are agreeing to sharing your contact details with the person before and after you on the list.

ARDSCOIL MHUIRE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

takes place from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Friday 22nd November in Ardscoil Mhuire, Corbally Road, Limerick. It's now a tradition! Ardscoil Mhuire, Corbally, is proud to open its grounds on the 22nd of November for our third Christmas Craft Fair!

Come along with the entire family to see a range of wonderful crafts (from local craftspeople and ASM students) that may make the perfect Christmas gift for a loved one! The little ones will be in for a treat too as Santa's Grotto opens for the evening! Admission is Free.

Craftspeople interested in booking a craft table please feel free to contact either 061 349 014 or 086 816 7177.

CHY4 Tax Rebate— Reminder Thank you to all who returned their tax rebate forms. As the deadline is near, outstanding forms should be returned to Fr. Derek, the sacristy or Parish Office as soon as possible. Under legislation, if you are a PAYE or Self Assessed tax payer, and your annual contribution to the parish is above the minimum amount of 250 euro, the Revenue Commissioners will forward a ta rebate directly to the parish at no extra cost to the donor.

MEETING FOR READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting for all readers and eucharistic ministers serving in our parish on Thursday 21st November at 7.30 in St. Nicholas Church.



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 and Sr. Bridget.

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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or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



Maranatha Healing Retreat on today Sunday 17th November, 2019 at 2.30 pm at St Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, limerick through the Ministry of Fr. John Walsh, limerick

and Eilish Carter, Nenagh. Mass 5 pm. All welcome.

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD

There will prayers for deceased relatives and parishioners of St Nicholas Parish and St Mary's Parish in the graveyards on :

Today Sunday November 17th at 3pm in Mt St Laurence Cemetery

Sunday November 24th at 3pm in Mt St Oliver Cemetary

To make a difference
in someone's life you don't
have to be brilliant,
rich, beautiful, or perfect.
You just have to care.

-Mandy Hale

