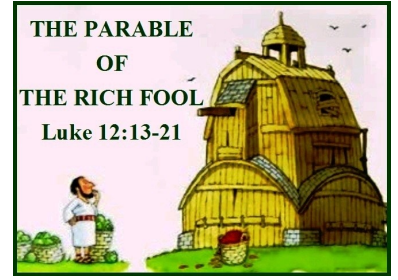




St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 4th August 2019
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass times:
St Munchin's College.
 9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury
 7.00pm – Thursday

Weekends:
St Nicholas 6.00pm – Sat.
 (Summer months)

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
 Grace 086 8296193
by Wednesday please
 E-mail:
Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Feast Days – August

Mon 5 – Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Tue 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord
Thurs 8 – St. Dominic

The Deep End
Living the Dream

Some of us may hear today's Gospel reading and think: 'Well, what is so wrong with that?' In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future - building bigger barns to store his crops, ensuring he has enough to live on for the coming years, allowing himself to enjoy the fruits of his labour. He is living the dream! He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn't he 'eat, drink, have a good time'?

Yet God brands him a 'fool.' Why? As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can't take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Furthermore, there is no indication that the considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. His focus is 'me, me, me.' He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective.

'If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.' (CS Lewis)

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions,' says Jesus. What have you found to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.' Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up as: 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans.' Life takes many unanticipated twists and turns. When have you found that have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

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THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION ANNUAL GROTTO MASS

will be held on Thursday 15th August in Cratloe Grotto at 7.30pm.



Please note : Items for Newsletter must be in by Wednesday to ensure they will be printed for the weekend newsletter. Thank you.



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: 5.00pm Saturday evening (for summer months) St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



St. Nicholas' Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 17th August, 2019

Coach leaves St. Nicholas' Church at 8:30a.m.

St. Munchin's College Gate at 8:35a.m.

Fare €12

Names taken in Sacristy or ring 345 681

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 38th Anniversary

Departing from Shannon on 5th Sept 7 nights half board accommodation 725 euro, Full religious programme accompanied by Marian Pilgrimages spiritual directors Fr T Egan, Fr D Quirke. Contact John O'Brien leader 086 8586304

Limerick Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome - October 2019

Bishop Brendan Leahy is leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman. The new saint visited Limerick twice in 1852 and 1854 and resided for some time in the Diocese. The pilgrimage will depart on a Ryanair flight leaving Dublin at 4.30pm on Friday 11th October, returning from Rome at 9pm on Monday 14th.

For further details please contact Limerick Diocesan Office on Tel. 061-350000. Email: office@limerickdiocese.org



MILFORD HOSPICE ANNUAL HARVEST FAIR

On the 1st September 2019 we are holding our 34th Annual Harvest Fair on the grounds of University of Limerick Sports Arena with a theme of family fun. The fun starts at 11.00am.

We would be so grateful if you are in a position to help and drop in your goodies to us.

For further information on helping out/donations simply email fundraising@milfordcc.ie.

Alternatively you can contact the Fundraising Team on + 353 61 485859/484860



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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or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August 2019.

Your support would be gratefully appreciated.



Prayer of a stay-at-home mother in August: by Debbie Farmer

Dear God, grant me the strength to last until the kids go back to School. Give me the energy to take knots out of wet shoelaces with my teeth, and untangle the dog from the sprinkler hose. Grant me the wisdom to remember the name of the kid from down the street who hasn't left our house since July. Walk with me through the backyard over piles of wet bathing suits, wellies and runners. Give me the courage to accept that everything in the refrigerator has either had a bite taken out of it or a finger stuck in it. Guide me down the hallway to the laundry room, where I can experience five minutes of peace and quiet by turning the lights out and climbing on the dryer so the kids can't see my feet underneath the door. Help me accept that even if I take the kids to the circus, the cinema, install a pool in the backyard, my children will end each day with "I'm bored." Smile down on me the day my husband decides to take the family camping in the woods for three days. In your infinite wisdom, show me how to disconnect the video game console that hasn't been turned off since June 22. Grant me patience not to rip the car stereo out of the dashboard with my teeth when my husband listens to "U 2" for the 186th time, cranked up to full volume. And if I ask God, just give me the foresight to know that one day the barbecue, television and sprinkler hose will be off; the refrigerator, front door and garage will be closed, and I will wonder where my children and the little redheaded boy with the glasses went.

Amen.