



St. Nicholas' Parish News

March 4 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College Chapel

Thur, 7.00pm

St Nicholas .Church

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Sat 7.00pm . St Nicholas

Sun.10.30 am. St Nicholas

12 noon:

St Munchin's College Chapel

Items for newsletter

To be in to:

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by Wednesday please.

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Feastdays for March

Mon 5

St Kieran (Ossory)

Wed 7

SS Perpetua & Felicity

Thur 8

St Senan/St John of God

Fri 9

St Frances of Rome

*It takes twenty years to
make an overnight
success.*

Eddie Cantor

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:29-39

This passage contains three stories and there is food for thought in each of them.

1. The first story (vv. 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?
2. The second story (vv. 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?
3. The third story (vv. 35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider
 - a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?
 - B) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?.....[John Byrne osa Email jpbymeosa@gmail.com](mailto:John.Byrne.osa@gmail.com)

MUSINGS

In speaking about the merciful outreach of the Church, in his first official interview with the Jesuit Antonio Spadaro, Pope Francis compared the Church to a field hospital: 'I see the church as a field hospital after battle... the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.' Using simple but effective imagery, he brings home his point that before getting into details about the dos and don'ts of the Christian life, it's important to make sure we are conveying the central message and reality: 'it is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds ... And you have to start from the ground up.'

[Bishop Brendan Leahy, 'Mercy, the Church and Society, in Mary McCaughey, ed., Merciful Like the Father](#)

SPECIAL LITURGY DAY FOR ALL WHO SERVE!

Saturday, March 10 2018

Ratheale House Hotel . 9:30-1:30pm.

'Lord, teach us to pray': Creating relevant and inspiring parish liturgy for all.

We are all very busy in preparing and leading parish liturgy. There is so much happening: Sunday Mass, weekday services, funeral prayers, wedding Mass etc.

What is at the heart of it all? What is parish liturgy about and who is it for?

This workshop is for all who serve at Sunday Mass as Ministers of Word, Eucharist or Music; all who want to learn and all who lead liturgy during the week - bringing communion to homes, choosing music for prayer, proclaiming the Word of God, etc. Keynote speaker: Dr Anne Francis, Cork.

Workshops: Holy Week Liturgies, Lay led liturgy on week day mornings (a reflection and a review), Funeral parish teams - the Cork & Ross diocese experience.

Ring 061 400133 to book your place. €10 pp.



You are Invited

The Salesian Sisters invite you to a quiet time of meditation on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11:00 am. At their home. 3 Oakton Road, Westbury.

Parish Office Opening hours.

Opening times: Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am-12.30. for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries.

Tel: 341300

Baptism: Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Please contact the office to make arrangements.



Life is for Living

Life is a gift we're given each and every day. Dream about tomorrow, but live for today.

To live a little, you've got to love a whole lot. Love turns the ordinary into the extraordinary. Life's a journey always worth taking.

Take time to smell the roses..and tulips..and daffodils..and lilacs..and sunflowers...

Count blessings like children count stars.

The secret of a happy life isn't buried in a treasure chest... it lies within your heart.

It's the little moments that make life big.

Don't wait. Make memories today.

Celebrate your life!



Confirmation in our parish takes place on this weekend on Saturday in St Nicholas Church. We welcome all candidates and their parents/guardians. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Their confirmation projects are on display around the church.

SAT March 10: RALLY FOR LIFE

Please join us. www.rallyforlife.net

Ph. 01 8730465 Bus from Limerick

Ph. 085 2044791 or 086 1542832 Philip

"The Eighth amendment has preserved and fostered a culture of life that we can be proud of. The resources of modern medicine have been used very successfully to care for the lives of women and unborn children. We know that thousands of children's' lives have been saved in Ireland by the Eighth Amendment over the past 30 years. The older I get the more I appreciate the most precious gift of all, the gift of life, and the more I realise it is a gift. I didn't give it to myself. I received it from my parents and ultimately from God."

Bishop Leo O'Reilly of Kilmore

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, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera Ailish, Frank & Ger.

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 John/Maura know by

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A Haven of Peace and Quiet



Adoration is increasing and becoming more popular in the Limerick Diocese. Why not visit our little Chapel at the side of St Nicholas Church (across from the priests house)in Westbury.

Mothers & Toddlers

Mothers & Toddlers meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30-12.30 in the Pastoral Centre in St Nicholas Church. All Welcome.



In memory of Sr. Dympna

An Anniversary Mass will be held this weekend in memory of Sr. Dympna Clancy late of our Parish, on Saturday at the 7.00pm mass in St Nicholas. Please remember her in your prayers.

Live Stations of the Cross for Families

Sunday 4 March at St. Saviour's Church 1pm Family Mass followed by pot-luck lunch (bring a dish to share),live stations of the cross, games and crafts for families. Please rsvp to 085 2255796 or limerick@op-tn.org by March 1.



Six months to WMOF2018

- Register to attend
- Sign up as a volunteer
- HOST A FAMILY fro overseas

Celebrate the Joy of Love with families fro across the world! All are welcome to this historic event in Dublin from 21-26 August

www.worldmeeting2018.ie. The main events of WMOF2018 will take place in Dublin but related events, including the hosting of international groups, will take place all over the island of Ireland.

Good Morning, World!

Good morning world, and every living thing, The sun in the sky and birds on the wing. Good morning books, And comics too. Good morning Jesus, It's great knowing you!



The Lighter Side

A priest, a minister and a rabbi are discussing when life begins. The priests says, "It begins at conception". The minister says, "Life begins at 24 weeks gestation". The rabbi says, "You are both wrong, Life begins when the kids move out of the house and the dog dies." 😊