

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

MONDAY JANUARY 6TH



MASS AT
9.45am

in ST
MUNCHIN'S
COLLEGE CHAPEL

The Deep End · World Became Flesh

Today we hear the beautiful prologue to John's Gospel. It would be worth finding the time to meditate on these verses during the week. They are beautifully rich. 'In the beginning was the Word...' in Greek, logos. This logos (Word) has far more meaning than its English translation can give. It refers to all-knowledge; all-being; that which is forever; the Word that is Divine, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things.

We read in this prologue that not one thing came to be without God. Do we really see God at the centre of all things? In our environment, in nature, in all created beings? Science tells us our universe is 13.8 billion years old. We cannot even conceive of such a time scale. John tells us of God at that point, at that great flaring forth of all creation, when everything came to be. This Word was with God at that moment and was God.

If we truly believe in the Incarnation, let us be alert and awake to the Incarnation of God every day in our lives; Christ present in all people, in every created thing, for God is fully at work in creation at every stage, then, now and forever. For creation and incarnation are not different events, but the same event, the same process.

'God is always incarnate, always bound to the world as its lover, as close to it, as we are to our own bodies, and concerned before all else to see that the body, God's world, flourishes.'

SALLIE MCFAGUE

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The Saturday evening choir are looking for new choir members. Singers and Instrumentalists are welcome. Please contact any member of the choir for more infor-



The children's choir is taking a break today!

Practice returns this Wednesday (8th January) 6.30 to 7.15 pm.

New choir members, boys and girls from first class up - any school - always welcome.

Further details from Maura 087 957 6148.



Life through the lens of the Gospel

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'

2. We often listen to a reading from the gospels. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most lifegiving for you and for others

3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world - speaking the truth for the world to hear, as a witness to testify to the light. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.

4. 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God.

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St. Nicholas Parish News

Sunday January 5th 2020

2nd Sunday of Christmas

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WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 7.00pm
Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Nicholas, Westbury: 6pm Saturday, 10.30am Sun

St. Munchin's College: 12 noon Sunday

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc. To be sent in to: Maura. 086 0429952, Grace. 086 8296193 or Email: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com by 6pm Wednesday.



FEAST DAYS

January 6 Fest of the Epiphany



Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for anyone who may need to book masses, get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Phone: 061 341300

ADORATION CHAPEL: The Adoration chapel is open from 9.30am to 6pm daily. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.



Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice.

Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month. Times: Saturday 5pm

St. Nicholas church and Sunday 1pm St. Munchin's College.

ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Boys and girls from 1st class up (any school) are welcome to join. Practice is every Wednesday from 6.30 to 7.15 in St. Nicholas Church. The choir sing at 10.30 mass every Sunday .

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.



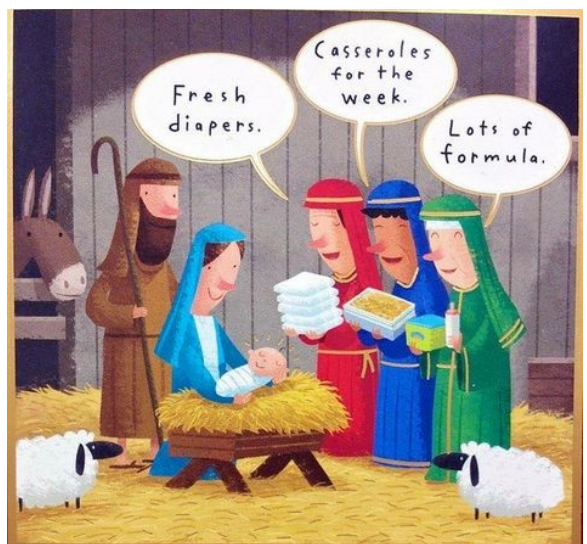
Continue to pray for Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Kiera, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Mary, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Bernadette , Gwyneth, Young Michael William, and Eoin.

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 contact: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Maura 086 0429952/ Grace 086 8296193

Parent Plus Adolescent program

The very successful Parent plus Adolescent program will be run again in the Parish, beginning Monday 13th January. Parent plus Adolescents is an evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16 years.

To secure your place, contact Sr. Kathleen 0872120880. More about the program is available at www.parentsplus.ie/programmes-about/adolescents-11-16-years/



After the Three Wise Men left, the Three Wiser Women arrived.