



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 5th May 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

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St Munchin's College.

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm — Thursday

Weekends:

St Nicholas 7.00pm — Sat.

10.30 am — Sunday

St Munchin's College

12 noon — Sunday



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to take home a copy of this news-letter. 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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Your offering to Trocaire can be handed in at any of the Masses. We thank you in anticipation for your donation.

“When you come to see you are not as wise today as you thought you were yesterday, you are wiser today.”

Anthony de Mello

The Deep End · Come and have breakfast

The theme of light and darkness in John's Gospel is strong. In today's reading, we hear that it was 'just after daybreak' when Jesus appeared to the disciples. The disciples had been fishing all night but caught nothing. Then, with the dawn, Jesus appears on the beach and gently suggests that they cast the nets on the other side of the boat. We are invited to reflect on resurrection here, moments where we were given a sense of new life, and with that, an abundance of gifts. Perhaps a friendship had broken down or we were dealing with a crisis. Like the disciples, we may have simply been going through the motions of day to day life, in the dark, without much enthusiasm. And then... daybreak. A gentle voice guided us, a friend or in a moment of prayer. In time, we realised that this was Jesus' voice pointing us in the right direction, and once we allowed ourselves to be guided by Him, the 'catch' was huge.

The end of the passage sees Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter is once again by a charcoal fire so this scene mirrors the three denials of Peter during the trial of Jesus. Peter becomes upset, and one can understand the regrets he must have. Yet here, Jesus is giving Peter the space to undo his denials. There is healing, new life. We can imagine Jesus' question to Peter at the end of the passage being addressed to us: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?... Tend my sheep!' Place yourself in this story throughout the week.

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COME AND SEE

18/19 May 2019

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

- Perhaps you're longing for something more in your life?
- Perhaps God is calling you to live your life as a diocesan priest?
- Perhaps you are uncertain, but would like to learn more?

The post resurrection experience of Peter with Jesus that is described in today's Gospel - where Jesus asks Peter if he loves him, reaffirms Peter, "Feed my Lambs". Perhaps you hear Jesus asking you those same words - "Feed my Lambs". Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

This year we are running a vocations exploration (Come & See) weekend for men who are discerning whether they are being called by the Lord to Diocesan Priesthood. This will be held on the weekend following Vocations Sunday (Sat 18th and the morning of Sunday 19th May). This will be held in our National Seminary (St. Patrick's College Maynooth) and accommodation will be in the seminary. This provides those considering a vocation to meet with seminarians and to join them in the various liturgies, Eucharist, Divine Office and Adoration etc.

Contact your local vocations director or the National Vocations Office

Email: info@vocations.ie

The annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Vocations Sunday) will be held on Sunday 12th May.



“Joy is a sign of generosity. When you are full of joy, you move faster and you want to go about doing good to everyone.”

Mother Teresa



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: 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 month's notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



Bring Flowers of the Fairest



(Please join in the singing of this hymn)

(1) Bring flowers of the rarest,
bring blossoms the fairest.
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling,
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale

Refrain:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

(2) Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

Refrain:

(3) Sing gaily in chorus
the bright angels o'er us.
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth. (R)



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

Annual Queen of the May Concert

St. Joseph's Church, Limerick
Thursday 9th May 2019 at 8pm

In aid of the St. Joseph's Restoration Fund & The Limerick Lourdes Fund to assist Pilgrimes to visit Lourdes.



BINGO NIGHT

Ardscoil Mhuire Corbally

Tuesday, 14th May at 7.30pm
Adults €10 Students €5.
All welcome
A fun night promised

PARISH MINISTRY DAY ON LOUGH DERG, SAT 18 MAY:

The Parish Ministry Day will be of particular interest to those in lay ministry: readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, baptism and liturgy teams, safeguarding personnel, parish pastoral and finance personnel and so many others who support the parish in dedicated ways. This unique day on the Island offers the opportunity for people in lay ministry across all parishes and dioceses to gather together and enjoy an enriching spiritual experience.

The theme for the day is 'It is Christ we are serving' and guest speaker, Mr Jim Deeds, will offer spiritual nourishment and ways to develop good self-care whilst giving of oneself in the service of the parish community.

Boats are available from 9.15am. The day will begin at 10.30am and conclude with the Celebration of Eucharist at 3pm.

Hospitality on the day includes tea/coffee & scones and a light lunch. Boats return from 4.15pm. Admission: €25/£22

For more information or to book contact 071 9861518.

The Limerick Dementia Social Club for Persons with Dementia and their Carers and all seeking support with Dementia.

Join us the first Wednesday of every month for a chat, cuppa and fun activity.

Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre, Childers Rd. Rosbrien.

Contact 085 196 3985 for any queries.

Email: limerickdementiasc@gmail.com

Optimist

An optimist is some one who thinks a woman in a phone booth will be coming out when he hears her starting to say 'Goodbye.'

