



St. Nicholas' Parish News

6th March 2022
First Sunday of Lent



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Mass Times

WEEKDAY 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, St Munchin's College Chapel
All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

WEEKEND Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, St Nicholas' Church 12 noon, St Munchin's College Chapel

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Prayer for when you can't receive communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

LENT | A Better 2022 Tomorrow

'The Lord's Prayer gives me courage, hope and strength in tough situations.'

(Thandekile)



Meet Thandekile, Nomatter and Forward

Thandekile is a 31 year old mother of two children. Her daughter is Nomatter aged 11, and her son is Forward aged 8.

Thandekile and her family are facing hunger because Covid-19 has compounded the effects of drought caused by climate change, and reduced the ways in which people can earn a living. After losing her husband, Donovan (35), to Covid-19, she now hopes that the love of strangers can help her and her children to survive. Thandekile's greatest fear is that she will die from Covid-19 and there will be no one to look after her children.

The impact of Covid-19 has been felt greatly by Thandekile and her community in

Zimbabwe. Thandekile places great trust in her faith and what she says about the Lord's Prayer is truly inspirational: 'The Lord's Prayer gives me courage, hope and strength in tough situations ... My hope is that my children will be able to continue in school and be successful in life. The greatest gift that people can give to one another in life is food and money because we need it to survive. What gives me hope is that I am still alive despite all that we have been through as a family. Whatever the problems you have been through in life, it is important to dust yourself off and move on, have hope and work hard for the children even if it's very difficult. I thank the people of Ireland for all the help you give to us. Please do not tire.' Thandekile believes that it is always possible for things to get better. Nomatter and Forward go to the local primary school. Before they walk to school, they fetch water from the borehole, wash the dishes and mop the floors in their one-room home.

With the help of Trócaire supporters in Ireland, however, the family can dare to dream of a brighter future where they can provide for themselves. This Lent, Trócaire supporters in Ireland are helping Thandekile and thousands like her by providing them with the tools, equipment, knowledge and support they need to ensure they can grow enough food for themselves going forward, despite the impacts of climate change and Covid-19.

You can help Trócaire by taking home a Trócaire box or contacting them at:

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com



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

Baptism



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

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 Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Michael, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina and Ciara.

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

LENT AT THE ABBEY 2022

A New Season of Hope



- 6th March Prayer In Testing Times (Luke 4:1-11) Luke Macnamara OSB
- 13th March Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-43) Abbot Brendan Coffey OSB
- 20th March The Poetry of Lent Mark Patrick Hederman OSB
- 27th March The Lost Sons (Luke 15) Pádraig McIntyre OSB
- 3rd April Salvation's Unusual Contours: Jesus & the Criminals Anne Lanigan
- 10th April A Subversive Triumph Henry O'Shea OSB

Glenstal Abbey Talks at 4.30pm in the Monastery Library. Donation: €15 per Sunday. All attendees are asked to complete an online COVID form before arrival. Bookings: 061 621 005 events@glenstal.com glenstal.com/events



Sow seeds of goodness - Pope Francis' 2022 Lenten message

Pope Francis based his Message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (6:9-10).

Please follow the link below: <https://www.limerickdiocese.org/.../sow-seeds-of-.../>

Sacramental Preparation



There are plenty of resources available to help get boys and girls ready for their Sacraments. You can follow the link below

<https://www.limerickdiocese.com/what-we-offer/faith-formation-education/sacramental-preparation-in-the-parish/>



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The church contribution for the weekend ending 27th February was 805 euro. Thank you



Save the date, Community Clean up on Good Friday 2022. To participate Register now at www.teamlimerickcleanup.ie