



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 6th October 2019  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### October, Month of the Rosary

The entire month of October is dedicated to the Mother of God under the advocacy of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated by the Church on the 7th.

The Church chose that day and, apparently by extension, the month of October to honour Our Lady of the Rosary because a great victory took place on October 7, 1571. The Church in Europe faced a seemingly hopeless challenge. The Muslim Turks had conquered the Middle East, slaughtering millions and forcing the survivors to convert to Islam. They then moved across the Mediterranean Sea setting their sights on the Christian kingdoms of the central Mediterranean.

Pope Pius V called on the Christian princes of Europe to rally to defeat the Islamic threat. In addition, he called on rosary confraternities in Rome and all over Europe to undertake special processions and public recitation of the Rosary, asking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. What ensued was the famous Battle of Lepanto.

As Christians all over Europe prayed for Our Lady's intercession, the Turks surrounded the Christian ships. But the

European fleet broke through. By days' end, almost all of the Turks were driven to shore or drowned. Europe was saved. Pope Pius established an annual commemoration to honour Our Lady of Victory, and his successor, Gregory XIII, decreed that the first Sunday in October would be the feast of the Holy Rosary.

In summary, the decision to designate October as the month of the Rosary apparently stems from the Church's desire to extend its thanksgiving to Our Lady for victory in the Battle of Lepanto from one Sunday to a whole month. In addition, when Our Lady appeared in Fatima in May 1917, she identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary.



**TIPS TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY**

- Fall asleep praying the Rosary. It is better than counting sheep.
- Say it in moments of sadness or spiritual drought.
- If you can't pray a whole Rosary at once, break it into parts.
- Carry a Rosary in your pocket.
- Use each mystery to ask for a particular intention.
- Say it while you wait (for example, at the bus stop)
- Pray while you walk and think of the people in your life.
- Recite the Rosary while doing chores or while you work out.
- Use images and music. The Rosary is a contemplative prayer.
- If you're upset, pray for the situation that worries you.

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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. 10.30 am — Sunday

### St Munchin's College

12 noon — Sunday



**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

**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.



### Mission Month—October 2019:

October will be celebrated as an 'Extraordinary Mission Month' throughout the Universal Church. Pope Francis announced this initiative during the Angelus Prayer on 22nd October 2017 so as to foster devotion to the Church's ad gentes evangelisation activity. The theme of the Extraordinary Mission Month will be Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World and the official website was launched recently to mark the 100 anniversary of the promulgation of the Apostolic Letter, Maximum Illud, by Pope Benedict XV, which gives new energy to the missionary responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel in the World. Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly SMA, Chair of the Bishops National Mission Council, said, "It is my hope that next year's Extraordinary Mission Month will offer an opportunity for the renewed spirit of activity in the Church's Missionary calling which is at the heart of our identity."

The official video of the Extraordinary Mission Month October 2019 is: <http://www.october2019.va/en/multimedia/>

### Day of Life: 6 October 2019

Day of Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. This year's Day of Life will be celebrated in Ireland on **Sunday 6th October** and will focus on the theme: Domestic Abuse. Leaflets available in the Diocesan Centre.

### World Day of Poor: 17th November 2019

The day will be observed on Sunday 17th November 2019 on the theme "The hope of the poor shall not perish forever", taken from the Book of Psalms. Pope Francis' message for the Third World Day of the Poor is available at [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco\\_20190613\\_messaggio-iii-giornatamondiale/poveri/2019.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20190613_messaggio-iii-giornatamondiale/poveri/2019.html)



### 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, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary and Young Michael.

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



We celebrate the first 'Do this in memory' Mass for communion preparation today in St. Nicholas Church. We offer our prayers and best wishes to the boys and girls who will be receiving their Communion in 2020.

### Children's Day of Mission Prayer: 11 October 2019

Throughout Mission Month we have a deep-rooted tradition of supporting missionaries. However, this month of love and generosity also offers great opportunities to help children to develop their missionary hearts! Being missionary is an inherent part of being Christian.

Resources available at: <https://www.wmi.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/3-childrens-day-of-missionary-prayer-booklet.pdf>

### Prisoners Sunday: 13 October 2019

Prisoners' Sunday on 13th October 2019 is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Resources available at: <https://www.prisonersweek.org/>

### 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: 5.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER** 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 or Grace 086 8296193 **by Wednesday please**

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