



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 6th May 2018

6th Sunday of Easter

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### Mass times:

**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:

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by Wednesday please.

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### Feastdays— May

Thursday 10th—Ascension Day

Holy Day of Obligation



## THE DEEP END: A brief history of love

God does not have favourites, Peter tells us. You wouldn't think that was the case sometimes, listening to some of the people who purport to speak on his behalf.

When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning, and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love, and is quoted as saying 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.'

And yet, after his death, there were some who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask: where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes?

Today we bring everything back to one word: love. There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. God's love does not discriminate. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.' That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others - whether their beliefs align with ours or not. God does not have favourites.

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Musings between now and the World Meeting of Families are kindly being provided by Brenda Drumm of WMOF2018.

## MUSINGS

Jesus' light is a humble light. It is not a light that imposes itself, it is humble. It is a gentle light, with the strength of meekness; it is a light that speaks to the heart and it is also a light given by the cross. If we, in our inner light, are gentle people, we hear the voice of Jesus in our heart and look fearlessly at the cross in the light of Jesus ... We must always distinguish: where Jesus is there is always humility, gentleness, love and the cross. We will never find Jesus without humility, without gentleness, without love and without the cross. He was the first to travel this path of light. We must walk fearlessly behind him, because Jesus has the strength and the authority to give us this light.

Pope Francis, Homily at Domus Sanctae Marthae, 3 September 2013  
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**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.



### 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)



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Remembering those who are Sick

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at  
this time, those preparing for and awaiting re-  
sults of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray  
for Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim,  
Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Bri-  
an, 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 E-mail: [stnicholasnewslet-  
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### Invitation

The Salesian Sisters invite you to  
join them for the Rosary at  
6.00pm. Mon-Friday during the  
Month of May at their home 3  
Oakton Road, Westbury.

### Baptism



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

### DESERT DAY - THE FEAST OF PENTECOST 19TH MAY

A Desert Day will take place in Westbourne Convent, Ash-  
bourne Avenue, Limerick on Saturday May 19th from 10.30  
to 5.15.

The day will give you an opportunity to take a break from  
your busy schedule to prepare for the great feast of Pente-  
cost in a calm and peaceful environment. There will be time  
for quiet prayer and reflection and the day will conclude  
with the Eucharist. Booking is essential as places are lim-  
ited.

For information contact: Sr. Phyllis Moynihan at  
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### COSMOLOGY REFLECTION

*This weekly reflection is created by the Salesian Cosmolo-  
gy Group to help us all to take small positive steps in our  
care for our common home.*

An Irish Times editorial, entitled "A Plastic Plague", lists  
how plastic is very functional and is used for a wide num-  
ber of activities. It is important in food safety, transport and  
medicine. Campaigning for its complete elimination is prob-  
ably unrealistic. However, we need to have a more critical  
examination of our use of plastic. Above all we need to find  
more sustainable ways to deal with its management.

**BECAUSE OF US, THOUSANDS  
OF SPECIES WILL NO LONGER  
GIVE GLORY TO GOD BY THEIR  
VERY EXISTENCE, NOR CONVEY  
THEIR MESSAGE TO US.**



**WE HAVE NO SUCH RIGHT.**

—POPE FRANCIS, "LAUDATO SI"