

THE DEEP END - Prisoners' Sunday

THE TIME IS NOW



I am a procrastinator. If a task is awkward or unpleasant, I am likely to put it off till another day. In any given week, I have a 'to-do' list I need to get through. The most important items always get done - things that can't be avoided, like work deadlines or paying bills. But bigger projects often get put on the long finger and I find myself transferring items to the following week's list. It is part of life to learn how to prioritise, and to be prepared to tackle the important things. Even when we are not ready to face a certain situation, sometimes we need to push ourselves to just dive in.

Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a night-time procession from the bride's home to the grooms. The bridesmaids would go out with torches lit to welcome the groom and his entourage. The parable in today's gospel sets two groups in contrast - the 'foolish' bridesmaids who run out of oil because they have failed to prepare, and the 'sensible' ones who are ready with their lamps and oil, who recognise the importance of the task. Only one group was ready when the groom approached.

This parable encourages us to focus on the here and now, to nurture our relationship with God in the present and to live well. There is no point in procrastinating, or waiting until the bridegroom is at the door. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel - the actions - to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

'It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.' Hugh Laurie

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CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

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<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/category/resources/family/>



ACT OF SPIRITUAL 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

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Covid support lines for older people:

ALONE 0818 222024

SENIORLINE 1800 804591

Community call, Limerick City and County :

Phone: 1800 852 389 or

email: covidsupport@limerick.ie



ST NICHOLAS PARISH NEWS

Sunday 8th Nov.2020, 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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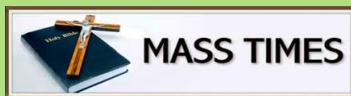
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PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING  **ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE CURRENTLY STREAMED ONLINE**

Weekday: 9.45am Monday to Friday

Weekend: Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, 12 noon

Online masses can be viewed live via the parish webcam at www.saintnicholasparish.ie

St Nicholas church will remain open each day for private prayer.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

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

By Wednesday, please send details to

Maura. 086 0429952

Grace. 086 8296193

or stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com



The parish Facebook is updated daily. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the Parish Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/



PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Tues 2pm-4pm and Thurs 9.30am -1.30pm for Church related enquiries.

Phone: 061 341300



Baptism times will be 4.30pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, and 1pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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 John, Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, Michael, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Eamon, Declan, Ethel, Agnes, and Dympna.

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, please contact the newsletter by email or phone.

