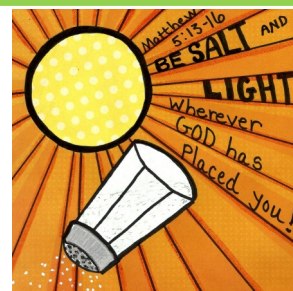


St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 9th February 2020
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



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

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by Wednesday please

E-mail:

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Feast Days — Feb

Sun 9 — St. Alexander

Wed 12 — St. Julian

The Deep End—This little light of mine ...

I'm gonna let it shine! Perhaps you are familiar with this popular hymn. It is often used in children's liturgies, and was in fact written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became something of an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, associated in particular with civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. The song was seen as a way of expressing unity, as people fought for equal rights and freedom.

'This Little Light of Mine' is based on the words of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today: 'No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub... your light must shine in the sight of men.' Without the light of those who were part of the civil rights movement, our world would be a very different place. There are good people everywhere who continue to fight for justice and freedom, who use their 'light' to help others and make sure people are treated fairly and with dignity - both those who campaign and speak out about injustice, and the people on the ground who support the sick, the homeless, refugees and others experiencing difficulties. Witnessing so much suffering, it might be tempting for these 'people of light' to become disheartened, but they carry on, using their compassion and skills to bring about change, shining their light in the darkness. As followers of Christ, we are called to light up the world. Take some time this week to think about how you can let your light shine.

'A community of Jesus which seeks to hide itself has ceased to follow him.'

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without salt food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?
2. The second image is that of light. Who have been the people who have been a light for you, particularly in moments of darkness? For whom have you been a light? Recall these experiences and give thanks.
3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can their potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light? How can you make a contribution to this?

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Safer Internet Day is being held this year on Tuesday 11th February. This is an EU initiative to encourage safer internet use, with an emphasis on providing information to help young people, teachers and parents to make the best use of online technology. The website webwise.ie contains a wealth of information, advice and educational resources which help to address a range of internet safety concerns.



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

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 months 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.



Used clothes collection:

Support Shanon Banks scout group while giving your wardrobes a spring cleaning. We are asking for donations of old clothing, shoes, accessories, bed linen, towels and curtains.

We cannot accept duvets, pillows, cushions, wet or dirty items.

Where: Shannon Banks Scout hall.

When: Monday 10th to Thursday 13th February, each evening from 7 to 8pm.

We cannot accept goods after this time. Your generosity and support is always appreciated.

For more information contact Grace at 0868296193.

THANK YOU

On Fri 31st January, at our Scout meeting we presented Pieta House Limerick with a cheque for €400 from all the donations to the beautiful Crib at St. Nicholas Church, Westbury over the Christmas Holidays.

The scouts using their pioneering skills as well as team work, constructed the Crib. 25th Limerick scouts have built the Crib in the church over the last number of years, and we want to thank Fr. Derek for the opportunity to do so. We also would like to give a big thank you to the wonderful the people of the parish for all their support over the years, it is much appreciated.



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, Young Michael, William, Méabh, Anna and Amy. 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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Bereavement Information Evening

Venue: Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick Date: Thursday, February 13th 2020

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Registration from 6:45pm) Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara, the national organisation that provides support services to bereaved parents and families, are hosting a Bereavement Information Evening in Limerick. This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges their family may face after the death of a son or daughter. Please note this event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death. Milford Care Centre and Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for this event. We would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 12th February 2020 or contact us on 01 4045378 - 085 2888 888.



Maranatha prayer Ministry invites you to our February Healing Retreat at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick at 2.30pm through the Ministry of Bishop Fintan Monahan, Killaloe diocese and Sr. Mary Bridget, Charismatic Renewal, Limerick next Sunday, 16th February, 2020. Mass at 5pm. All welcome.