



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 9th September 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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:

Quiet meditation

on Tuesday mornings
in 3 Oakton
Road, Salesian Srs.
Home.

Resumes on
Tues Sept 11.
Time: 10.30am—
11.00am. All
welcome.



MUSINGS

'If we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents. While painfully aware of our own frailties, we have to march on without giving in, keeping in mind what the Lord said to Saint Paul: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9). Christian triumph is always a cross, yet a cross which is at the same time a victorious banner borne with aggressive tenderness against the assaults of evil. The evil spirit of defeatism is brother to the temptation to separate, before its time, the wheat from the weeds; it is the fruit of an anxious and self-centred lack of trust.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 85

THE DEEPEND: Ephphatha

In today's gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment, unable to hear or speak God's word of truth. Jesus says ephphatha, which means 'be opened!' Immediately this man was healed.

During this Season of Creation we are all urged to listen to the cry of the earth. Scientists are now telling us that unless drastic action is taken we will lose the battle against the environmental destruction which this world is faced with. The worldwide heatwave and drought which we experienced this summer is one example of how our planet is under pressure. Yet change is possible. All it takes is one good person to restore hope. As followers of Christ we have a duty to lead the way in caring for God's beautiful creation. What prevents us from hearing these messages? We can be cynical and say that the issue is too big, that it is up to governments to sort out. Ephphatha! We start where we are and do what we can. This week can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home such as ensuring all waste is



Our church is seeking anyone interested in serving in the music ministry for **Saturday** Evening Mass. The choir will begin singing at selected 7pm Masses starting in October.

You do not need to tryout or read music to participate. Any instrumentalists wanting to accompany can and should also participate.

Initially music will be supported with guitar and led by our new parishioners Ben & Carey Ruley. Our goal is to enhance the Mass without being a distraction and encourage congregational participation. Ben and Carey have been leading Catholic choirs for over 30yrs in various churches in the US and will be living here in Westbury through next year. All music will be Mass appropriate aligned to the readings and liturgy of the Mass. They provide a very wide range of diverse music from traditional hymns to the very new contemporary hymns. They would like to meet any interested members and begin practice in September.



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.



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: 6.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church,



ALTAR SERVERS

We welcome back our wonderful altar servers this weekend. Hope you all had a great summer.

We will soon be training new altar servers. Girls and boys from 3rd class



Thank you one and all who did a brilliant job of cleaning our Church on Wednesday evening last.

The annual **Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on Sunday 14th October. Buses will leave from St. Saviour's Dominican Church at 8:30am and return at approximately 7pm. The cost is €15, which includes tea on route. If you are interested in booking or want more information, please call into the sacristy of the Domini-

All are welcome to attend **Adult Faith Formation classes**, offered by the Dominican Sisters in St Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick. A comprehensive overview of the Catholic faith will be presented in 10 sessions. Come be a part of this special opportunity to grow in knowledge, faith, and

Trócaire volunteer initiative in Limerick

STANDING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE - MAKING YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Are you interested in volunteering and becoming part of something really worthwhile? The Trócaire volunteers in our Diocese had a great year of action for social justice and are now looking to expend their wings to more local parishes. To find out more please contact Marie-Anne Michel 091 781 231, volunteering@trocaire.org or locally contact Rose in the Diocesan Centre at rose.oconnor@limerickdiocese.org.



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 and Mary.

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: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. John.085 7406822 Maura. 086 0429952



Maranatha Prayer Ministry

invites you to our Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass on Sunday next, 16th September

2018 at St Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick at 2.30 pm through the ministry of Fr John Walsh,



Camino de Santiago meeting

The parish is planning a pilgrimage to do part of the Camino de Santiago in September 2019. There will be an informative meeting about this in St Nicho-

St. Nicholas' Children's choir

Choir practice returns next Wednesday 12th September from 6:30 to 7:15pm in St. Nicholas' Church. Looking forward to welcoming old and new members!



Boys and girls from first class up (any school!) welcome to join us. We practice every Wednesday during school term and we sing at 10:30 Mass every Sunday and also on Christmas morning.

If you are new, just come along to practice next

Scoil Rince Ui Bhriain Irish dancing classes take place every Thursday at 2.40 in Parteen school and 4.45 in Scoil Ide

Learn how to Irish dance for fun, making friends and keeping fit. Contact Sharon on uibhriain@gmail.com /

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child

