



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

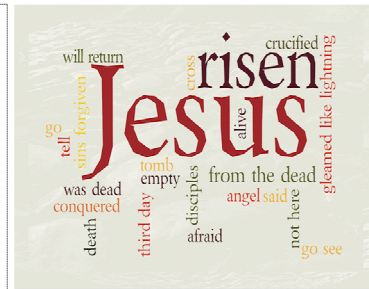
**2nd SUNDAY of Easter**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**April 23rd 2017**

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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

### Items for newsletter

To be in to: John

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### Feastdays. April

**Tues 25th.**

St Mark Evangelist

**Wed 26th**

Our Lady of Good Council

**Thurs 27th**

St Asieus (Elfin)

**Fri 28th**

St Peter Chanel

**Sat 29th**

St Catherine. Of Siena.

### **THE DEEP END: Shalom**

The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism – we can even be made fun of. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might recall times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on those times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness' – and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you. The word 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving. The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us.

*'Life will always prevail, through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it.'*  
Margaret Silf Jane Mellet

### **Pope Francis.....St Thomas the Apostle**

'We do not know ... how can we know the way?' Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say, and cut through their evasion and abstraction.

O doubting Thomas, father of my faith, You put your finger on the nub of things:  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith, But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.



Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint, Feel after him and find him in the flesh.

Because he loved your awkward counterpoint, The Word has heard and granted you your wish.

O place my hand with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite (From *Sounding the Seasons – Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year*, Canterbury Press)

### ***He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22***

The Lord God formed a man out of clay and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. Jesus came and stood in their midst. He too breathed on them.

He gave them his Holy Spirit.

Christ Jesus, We also long for your Spirit and your peace. Create new hearts in us and fill us with your very own life. Breathe your Spirit upon us.

*Written by Anne Osdieck, and posted on The Center for Liturgy of Saint Louis University.*

Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. If you decide not to do so, we would be grateful if you left it on the table at the door on your way out. Thank you.

### 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.

### 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 Pat, Evelyn, Monica, Ailish, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, 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. Amen.



### Baptism Notice

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: 6.00pm Saturday evening St Nicholas church. Sunday 1.00pm. St Munchin's College.

### Tuesday April 25th Lay Led Liturgy in all Parishes

**This Liturgy will take place in St Munchin's College at 9.45am.**

Every parish in Limerick Diocese has been asked to host a lay led liturgy. Formation and resources have been offered to all parishes, so that everyone is included.

### What type of prayer or liturgy will this be?

Parishes have been asked to offer a Liturgy of the Word, in which we are nourished at the Table of the Word. The Word of God in Scripture will feed us as we bring our lives and our prayers to God together on this morning. There will not be a Communion Service as part of this liturgy for two reasons. Firstly we respect our Bishops request, and we respect other parishes by celebrating in unity. Secondly, the reception of Holy Communion should normally be part of the full celebration of the Eucharist. It is a long-held tradition that Communion can be brought to the sick. For a wide variety of reasons, public prayer with the distribution of Communion is normally reserved to particular circumstances such as on Sundays when parishes cannot celebrate the Eucharist, and in nursing homes etc. April 25th is a one day event, but is part of our on-going commitment to support good Liturgies in strong local communities.

For Further info contact Noirin Lynch @ 061 400133



### Feast of Divine Mercy this Sunday April 23rd

**Location:** Redemptorist Church

**Time:** Devotions 2.30—5.45pm. Including Confession & Holy Mass 4.45pm

Celebrant Fr John Walsh P.P.

The soul who will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on this day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment (Jesus to St Faustina)



### Parish Office

The parish office will be open each Tuesday from 2pm—4pm. and Thursday 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



### DRIVE SAFELY !!!!

Please drive carefully and safely. People continually take chances—using mobile phones, overtaking, speeding etc. Hopefully it won't be their last chance.

### Easter Dues

Easter dues envelopes can still be returned by dropping them into the collection basket at any of our weekend masses. For security reasons it might be advisable to pay by cheque if this is convenient for you.. Thanks for your continuous generosity.

### Trocaire boxes

These can now be handed in at any Mass over the next week or so, or drop it in to the sacristy. We thank you in anticipation for your donation.



### Easter



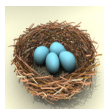
See the land, her Easter keeping,  
Rises as her Maker rose.

Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,  
Burst at last from winter snows.  
Earth with heaven above rejoices;  
Fields and gardens hail the spring;  
Trees in woodlands ring with voices,  
While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted  
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,  
Use the craft by God implanted;  
Use the reason not your own.  
Here, while heaven and earth rejoices,  
Each his Easter tribute bring-  
Work of fingers, chant of voices,  
Like the birds who build and sing.



**Charles Kingsley**



### A Reading from Genesis ...

"And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then He made the earth round ...  
And He laughed and laughed and laughed.

