



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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20th Sunday of the Year

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Mass times:

Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College

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Thur, 7.00pm

St Nicholas .Church

Weekends:

Sat 7.00pm . St Nicholas

Sun.10.30 am. St Nicholas

12 noon:

St Munchin's College Chapel

Items for newsletter

To be in to:

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Feastdays for August

Mon 20 St Bernard

Tues 21 St Pius X

Wed 22 St Andrew

Thur 23 St Eugene

Fri 24 St Bartholomew

Sat 25 St Patricia



THE DEEP END: On the breadline

In recent months the Society of St Vincent de Paul released some shocking figures regarding hunger in Ireland. One in three people who contact the charity are calling because they can't afford to buy food. It is estimated that one in eleven people in Ireland experience food poverty, which refers to the inability to afford food to make up a healthy diet.

'Food is an area of expenditure that families have discretion over on a day-to-day basis,' said SVP head of social justice, Dr Tricia Keilthy. 'It is much easier to control the cost of food than the cost of rent, utilities or education. So food is typically what families cut back on when times are tough.'

Hunger is a sad fact of life for many in our country. More than ever we appreciate the value of having enough to eat. Over the past few Sundays we have heard Jesus speak a lot about bread and food. His followers experience physical hunger too; the feeding of the five thousand (the story precedes today's extract from John's Gospel) shows that Jesus takes care of the physical needs of his followers too. Their experience of hunger and being fed prepares them for his teaching on the bread of life.

When Jesus talks about himself as the 'bread come down from heaven', it is clear that it is himself he is offering – his very flesh. If we are followers of Jesus, we are also called to give ourselves in service of others. We have Jesus as our model and teacher, present with us and in us. What can we do to help those who hunger in our country and our world?.....*Triona Doherty*

MUSINGS

'I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. You can regard it as a kind of 'homework'. Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family?

'Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well ... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

'Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!'



Pope Francis, homily at Mass in St Peter's Square, 27 October 2013

**Believe in the
surprises of
the Holy Spirit
- there are
lots of them.**



Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to Cecil Clarke and family, Irish Estates, on the recent death of her mother, Cecil Reid.
'May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Baptism:

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one month's notice. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

No Weekday masses in St Nicholas Parish.

There will **not** be weekday masses in St Nicholas Parish for August. Weekend masses continue as normal. We invite You to join us in St Mary's church for daily mass at 10am.

Pray for those who are ill



We pray for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

May this time be special for you:

A time of loving blessings from the Lord;
A time of his fondest favour in your life;

A time of his closest presence in your loneliest moments;

A time of his strength in your weakest days;

A time of his consoling light in your darkest hour;

A time of his greatest care when you feel most vulnerable.

May his healing love enfold you,

Shine in and through you, to renew you in spirit.

Continue to pray for Tom, Mary, Dermot, Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank & Ger.

May God be with them at this time of worry and anxiety. May he grant them a speedy recovery

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let John/Maura know by

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TAKE NOTE

Mass next Weekend

To facilitate Parishioners and Priests going to the mass with Pope Francis, Masses next Weekend: Saturday August 25th :7pm in St Nicholas church. Sunday August 26th: 12noon in St Munchin's College Chapel.

There will not be mass at 10:30am next Sunday.

Mass with Pope Francis in Phoenix Park



Our Parish bus will leave at 7am from the car park of St Nicholas church, Westbury, on Sunday, August 26th. We have been advised that it will be a 3km Walk from the bus to the mass and the same distance back.

Please bring a fold up seat.

As it will be a long day, please bring a packed lunch. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office during opening hours.



Feeling Lonely or Worried?

Are there days when nobody calls? Would you like to share a worry? Are you feeling lonely? Call Senior Helpline: **1850 440444** Mornings 10am—1.00pm. Evenings 7pm—10pm. You will be speaking to an older person who will welcome your call. The service is provided from anywhere in Ireland for the price of a local call. For more info. www.seniorhelpline.ie

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock



St Nicholas Parish Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday **8 September 2018**. For those interested in taking part in the pilgrimage, please hand in your name to the sacristy after any of the masses, or tel. **345681**. See notice board for details.

Why is it ?

Why is it, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble plop to ripple into smiles?
'Why is it, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm?
'Why is it, that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?'

Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty, magic or meaning. Where we see only practicalities, others see possibilities. We need to look beyond the obvious.

Bogus Phone Calls

Gardai are asking people to be aware of bogus phone calls. Please do NOT give personal information, bank details or any passwords over the phone. If you have concerns please ring Henry Street 212400

Adoration Chapel Closed

Our Adoration Chapel shall remain closed for the month of August. It will re-open daily from September



Please take home a copy of this newsletter and one for a sick neighbour. If not, please leave it on the table by the door on your way out.

Thank you.

Youth Ministry Leader Training

What is the aim of the training? To train people to deliver youth ministry Programmes and events within their own parishes. To encourage people at local level to take on leadership roles in the area of youth ministry.

For more info contact: Aoife Walshe 061 350000 or
E.mail: awalsh@ldpc.ie

When my granddaughter Kate was 8, she asked me, "Grandma, does God answer prayers?"

"Yes, he does," I replied.

Then she asked, "Will he give you whatever you ask for."

Again, I replied yes.

Then Kate lifted her arms and yelled,



"Thank you, Jesus! Grandma's getting me a dog!"