



St. Nicholas' Parish News
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Mass times:

9.45am Mondays, Tuesdays and Wed..

St Nicholas

7.00pm—Thursdays & Fridays. St. Nicholas'

Weekends:

St. Nicholas'

7.00pm Saturday

10.30 am— Sunday

12.00noon Sunday.

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Items for newsletter

to be in to

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by Wednesday please.

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Feasts this Week

August

Mon. 20th

St Bernard

Tues. 21st

St Pius X

Wed. 22nd

Queenship of Mary

Thurs. 23rd

St Eugene

Fri. 24th

St Bartholomew Apostle

***The Deep End
 On the breadline***

In April this year a Department of Health survey found that one in five children in Ireland are forced to go to school hungry because of a shortage of food at home. A few weeks after the report came out, there were news reports that a seven-year-old child who collapsed at school was found to be severely undernourished.

A spokesperson for the St Vincent de Paul said the case came as no surprise. '700,000 people are on the breadline living in poverty, 200,000 are children, and I know of mothers and fathers going hungry to feed their children. Two or three years ago we were being asked for shoes or help with the rent. Now we are simply being asked for food,' he said. It appears that hunger is increasingly a fact of life for many in our country. More than ever we appreciate the value and importance of having enough to eat. It is sadly all too easy to recognise the signs of physical hunger, from the beginnings of a rumbling tummy to the more serious signs of malnutrition. Over the past few Sunday Gospels, Jesus has been speaking a lot about bread. His followers have known hunger, and the feeding of the five thousand proved to them that Jesus was someone who knew how to feed their hunger. But they find it difficult to make the leap of faith required when he starts to talk to them about being the living bread. It is not as easy to spot the signs of spiritual hunger.

Triona Doherty

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to the following couples (all from Westbury) who were married in St Nicholas Parish recently:

Claire Duffy & Kieran Sweeney.

Cara Kennedy & Nial Mc Inerney.

Ciara Healy & Jonathan Nash.

May they live long and happy lives together.



Pray for those who are ill

Remember all those who are sick at home or in hospital. Pray for David, Paddy, Dolores, Mona, Aidan, Teresa, Ann, Mary and Nora.



Help Me Grow Strong Again

It's wonderful after illness
 To feel your strength returning
 To feel your old self again,
 To start getting on top of things.

It takes time and patience!
 Just getting back into routine,
 Into the swing of things
 Can make like a mountain to climb,
 A challenge too far.

Lord, help me grow strong again,
 Help me each step of the way
 So that one step at a time
 With your help
 Will come out on top.
 Amen.

If you would like the name of a sick relative or friend mentioned please contact:

Dympna 348510/John 346664



Gospel Choir in our Cluster

(St Nicholas; St. Mary's; Cratloe; Parteen; Meelick; Coonagh; Corpus Christi; St Munchin's; Our Lady of the Rosary) The Cluster is forming a

Gospel Choir and looking for members 18- 40. They are hoping to get an number of members from each of the parishes. Fr O Riordan, Corpus Christi Parish will co-ordinate it. If you are interested give your name to the priests or Sr Dympna. 348510

Sympathy



We extend our deepest sympathy to Christina Darcy Shannon Banks on the recent death of her mother Aggie Griffin. Foynes

May She rest in peace.

Recent Baptisms

We congratulate the following who were baptised recently:

Ben Anthony Morris.
Sophie Croke.
Zara Kiely.

We welcome them into our community:



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors to our parish at this time. We hope you have a pleasant and restful stay.

Mothers

You're up each night until 10 PM vacuuming, dusting, wiping, washing, drying, loading, unloading, shopping, cooking, driving, flushing, ironing, sweeping, picking up, changing sheets, changing diapers, bathing, helping with homework, paying bills, budgeting, clipping coupons, folding clothes, putting to bed, dragging out of bed, brushing, chasing, buckling, feeding (them, Not you).

PLUS swinging, bike riding, pushing trucks, cuddling dolls, rollerblading, basketball, football, swimming, bubbles, sprinklers, slides, nature walks, colouring, crafts, skipping rope.

PLUS raking, trimming, planting, edging, mowing, gardening, painting, and walking the dog. You get up at 5:30 AM and you have no time to eat, sleep, drink or go to the bathroom, and yet you still managed to gain 10 pounds.

The cute statements below are said to have been written by actual students and are genuine, authentic and not retouched or corrected:

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.

Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The fifth commandment is to humour thy father and mother.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony

USEFUL CONTACTS

Samaritans :

For those who wish to talk in confidence
Call 1850 60 90 90

Le Cheile:

For people who have experienced difficulty in coping. Provides support, friendship and opportunity to help people develop their talent and coping skills.

Tel. 061 446786.....087 2485742

Parents Support Programme: Tel. 061 411643

For further information visit:

<http://www.iscc.ie/parent support.htm>

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. We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc.

If going to hospital let the priests know if you would like a visit from them. They are always happy to visit.