



St Nicholas Parish News
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass times:

Weekdays:

9.45am. Tues. & Wed.
St Munchin's College Chapel
7.00pm Thursdays

Weekends:

St. Nicholas'

7.00pm Saturday
10.30 am— Sunday

St. Munchin's College:

12.00 noon Sundays.

Items for newsletter

to be in to
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Feasts this Week

Mon 29th: Beheading of
John the Baptist
Tues 30th: St. Fiachra
Wed 31st: St. Aidan
Sat 3rd: St. Gregory the
Great

**St Nicholas Parish Annual
Walk. Saturday 3rd September 2016.**

The walk will start
@ St Nicholas church @
09.00am and go to Killaloe
along the East Clare Way
by the Ardna-
crusha canal.

The walk is 22
Kilometres.
Contact Pa
McNamara @
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The Deep End • Topsy-turvy Land

The people walk upon their heads,
The sea is made of sand,
The children go to school by night,
In Topsy-Turvy Land.

The front-door step is at the back,
You're walking when you stand,
You wear your hat upon your feet,
In Topsy-Turvy Land.

from 'Topsy-Turvy Land' by H.E. Wilkinson

Everything is upside down and back to front these past few weeks. Have you been following the train of thought in the Gospel readings? First we had Jesus talking about how he has come to bring division, rather than peace. Next we heard him tell people that the first will be last, and the last first.

Today, he turns our expectations on their head once again, this time offering a lesson in humility. We should not 'exalt' ourselves or take the place of honour among our friends and acquaintances; rather, we should 'humble' ourselves and take the lowest place. When we throw a party, we ought to invite those in need rather than our friends, family, or rich, influential people – because we should expect nothing in return for kindness or generosity. Jesus seems to enjoy a 'topsy-turvy' approach to life. Following him means thinking differently from the rest of the world – wearing our hat on our feet, so to speak!

Triona Doherty

Meditation

Meditation will begin again on Tuesday 6 September at 3 Oakton Road.

Time: 10.30—11.00 am. If you would like to join this group you will be most welcome. For many this silent half hour is a great source of peace and strength. Further information from Sr. Kathleen 348510



Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the exit on your way out. Thank you

- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Philip, Dan, Margaret, Tony, Marie, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Rita, Brigid, Paddy, Michael, Eric, Kate, Baby Reuben, Vera, Frank, Bridget, Dymrna, Breda, Pat, Ann, Brigid, Sean and John. Let us pray for those, facing surgery & tests, in nursing homes, and all who care for our sick. To all our sick family members friends and



parishioners—
we assure you of our prayers at this time.

May the Lord bless you in your hour of need. May he surround you with his healing peace, and gladden your heart. May he keep you always in his care, and gently touch you with his Loving presence. Amen.

Well Done

We congratulate all who received their Leaving Cert results last week. We hope you received the mark you worked for and we assure you of our prayers at this important time of decision.

It's a pity the media focus is always on the high achievers. Their

photo always seems to make the papers. There are many more heroic stories on you, students, who have made huge efforts in difficult and challenging circumstances. Your photo will not make the papers but hopefully for many the results will present much promise, many opportunities and a great sense of



hope in moving onto new beginnings. Not everyone will get what they want and what to do next may not be as clear. Exam results are important but life will go on and life will continue to bubble with options and things to do. May God gently direct you as you move onto new things, new opportunities and new beginnings.

Back to school

This coming week many of our young people will be going back to school. For some this will be a new beginning in primary and in secondary school. Others will be preparing for exams. We wish you well and hope you avail of this time to work well, learn well, play well, and simply.



Be the Best YOU Can Be!

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

The 2016 pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 11 September to the newly refurbished Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. This annual pilgrimage is a special day for grandparents and families, and a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith. The pilgrimage was founded by Catherine Wiley, a native of Co Mayo. From its origins in Ireland, it has spread to several countries around the world. The pilgrimage begins with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. The Pilgrimage Mass follows at 3.00pm. Each year ahead of the pilgrimage, children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. The children's prayers can be brought to Knock on the day or posted in advance to: The Catholic Grandparents' Association, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co Mayo. All prayers will be blessed during the pilgrimage.

Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love

Our Adoration Chapel in St Nicholas church is open until 6.00pm each day. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him.



24 Hour Adoration

24 hour Adoration has resumed—
Thursday 7.30pm to Friday 7.00pm.
Please feel free to come to our Adoration Chapel, for a short or long period of time.

Parish Office:The parish office open on Tuesday from 2—4pm
Thursday 9.30—12.30 for anyone who may need to book Masses, get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Phone: 341300

Let us pray in response to the human tragedy caused by the **earthquake in Central Italy**. We remember all the people of the affected areas and for their loved ones who have been injured and killed. Also those providing emergency assistance and medical treatment to the injured and displaced.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Spirit of Wisdom and Love, bless all pupils and teachers returning to school after the Summer holidays. Help their new beginnings in primary and secondary schools. May each student have good friends, positive learning experiences and may we give a special welcome to those who come from different countries and religions. Build all our schools into communities of faith and love where each person is respected as a miracle of God's creation.