



St. Nicholas' Parish News Sunday January 20 2019

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Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College Chapel

Thur, 7.00pm

St Nicholas .Church

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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 January

Mon 21 St Agnes

Tues 22 St Vincent.

Bl Laura Vicuna.

Wed 23 Marianne Cope.

Thur 24 St Francis De

Salles.

Fri 25 Conversion of St Paul

Sat 26 Timothy & Titus.

Losers quit when they're tired.

Winners quit when they've won.

THE DEEP END: 'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

Jane Mellett

Faith In God

To have faith is to defy logic. It takes faith to think positively. It takes faith to believe that there is a loving God who cares deeply about our pain. To believe in life, the universe, or yourself after numerous failures is to have courage. Faith is an act of courage. It is choosing to get up in the morning and face our fears and believe that God will help us. Faith is choosing to believe even though we may have failed one hundred times before that we can succeed the next time.

"Let go," God says. "Let go." But my heart is stubborn, so I do not let go.

"What if it hurts?" I say. "I know it will hurt," He says. "What if I fall?" I say

louder. "I know you will fall," He says. "But what if I can't get up?"

What if I can't go on? What if my heart breaks into a thousand pieces?"

"It's all right; just let go." "No. I can't. I want to, but I can't."

"Let go." "How? My heart will break. It is breaking already." "So it will break.

Let go." "I can't. It hurts." "Don't you know, my child If you fall, I will pick you up.

If you can't go on, I will carry you. Don't you know, my child? Don't you know?

It is when it breaks that I can make you whole again.

It is when it breaks that I can pick out these broken pieces that are hurting you.

It is when it breaks that you can truly learn to love. You can rise again.

You will rise again. Let go."

Young Scientists

We praise the young people (especially those from our local schools) who took part in the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition at the RDS, for their great energy, enthusiasm, hope and energy. Young people have a great openness and willingness to meet every challenge. With the hundreds of exhibitions on display at the RDS there is cause for great hope. These young people give everyone a lift through the many inspiring projects. As we journey through these early days of the New Year we ask God to continue to inspire young people and to encourage them to keep generating fresh ideas and possibilities into our world, which so badly needs them at this time.

Parish Office Opening hours.

Opening times: Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am-12.30.
for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries.

Tel: 341300

Baptism: Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

You are a Letter from Christ' 2 Cor 3:3

God sent Jesus to show His love; and He sends you and me to declare it! You..... are a letter from Christ....to a lost, stressed-out world searching for answers. For every person you meet, you have something they need, something more important than a tax cut, a salary increase, a solution for global warming or a cure for illness. Friends, enemies, relatives, neighbours, workmates and strangers need the message YOU have and the hope YOU bring.

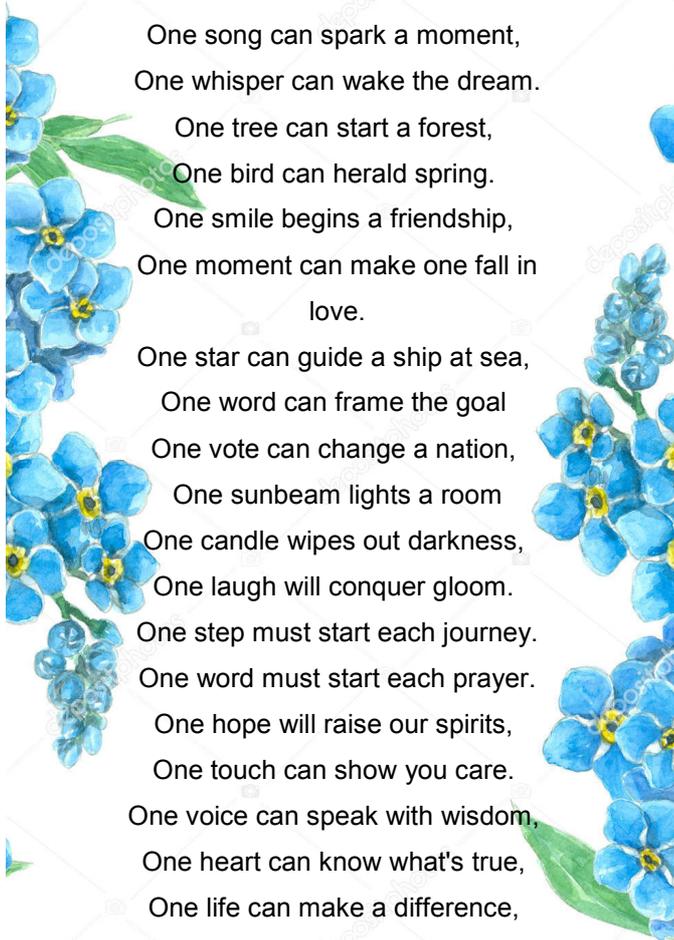


volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to help with the publishing of our parish weekly newsletter. Training & support for the bulletin production will be given to those interested. If you would like to get involved please contact John. 085 7406822 or Maura 086 0429952 The newsletter is used to effectively communicate to our community what is happening within our parish. It is very enjoyable and most rewarding.

THE POWER OF ONE

One song can spark a moment,
One whisper can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One moment can make one fall in love.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey.
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make a difference,
You see, it's up to you!



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, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera Ailish, 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. If you know of anybody needing prayers etc,



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A Haven of Peace and Quiet

Adoration is increasing and becoming more popular in the Limerick Diocese. Why not visit our little Chapel at the side of St Nicholas church. Adoration takes place each week from Thursday following 7.00pm Mass to Friday 6.45pm. This is an ideal opportunity for you to have some quiet time with the Lord for as long or short as you wish

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

Sympathy

✝ We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Michael Sheehan, Meadowbrook, Mill Road, Corbally, who died 15th January 2019 (peacefully) in the exceptional care of University Hospital, Limerick. May He Rest in the Peace of Christ

Road Safety

Again we remind people to drive safely. Each week we sadly say farewell to yet more people who die tragically. We encourage you to pray a simple prayer for safety—a Hail Mary, Prayer to your Guardian Angel or the following:

Keep O Lord your Holy Hand upon us so that no harm may happen to us either in soul or in body. Amen

The Lighter Side

(Overheard at bus queue in Dublin)

Old dear 1: 'Sure whoaya tellin. De kids dees days is terrible bold.'

Old dear 2: 'Yeah, and it's not de parents I blame, it's the mudders an fadders.'



Children's Corner

Knock knock. Who's there? Snow. Snow who? Snow use. I forgot my name again!

Knock, knock! Who's there? Doctor. Doctor who? You're right!

Knock, knock! Who's there? Ben. Ben who? Ben knocking for ages!