



St. Nicholas' Parish News
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Week Day Masses

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wed.

9.45 a.m. St. Munchin's Coll.

7.00pm . Thursdays & Fridays.

In St. Nicholas'

weekend Masses : St. Nicholas'

7.00pm Saturday.

10.30 am— Sunday.

St. Munchin's College

12 noon Sunday

Items for newsletter

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Feasts this Week

Mon 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

Tues 3rd: St. Blaise

Thurs 5th: At. Agatha

Fri 6th: St. Paul Mikki & Companions

Sat 7th: St. Mel; Bl Pius 1X

Readers next weekend

7.30 Tracey English, Michael Cooke

10.30: Noel & Melissa Baragry

12.00: P. Cronin, F. Quillinan



Limerick Diocesan Synod

Saturday evening next 7 February we will have our official launch of the forthcoming Diocesan Synod.

This will take place at the 7.00p.m. Mass and the FOUR Parish Delegates will be introduced along

with other members of our parish who are on differ-

ent groups in the diocese. The Synod will take place during April 2016. In

preparation for this there will be a process of consultation and listening through-out this parish and diocese. Your support and co-operation will be important.

Training for this takes place this Saturday 31 January in the Radisson Hotel and we will have lots more information for you in the coming weeks and months. So

please come along next Saturday evening and let us make this a truly parish event!



A Teaching That Is New

A friend once told me a story about his favourite lecturer in college. He met him while crossing the campus one day, stopped and asked the lecturer how he was.

The lecturer paused for a long moment, thinking about it, before eventually replying, 'I'm fine, thanks for asking.' At the time my friend wasn't sure what to

make of it, though the unusual encounter stuck in his mind for years afterwards.

On reflection, he appreciated that the lecturer had thought about his question,

and to this day it has made him stop and think every time he asks someone, or is asked, 'how are you?'. The lecturer had taken an everyday question, and every-

day language, and infused it with new meaning.

The people who listen to Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel are used to hearing

scribes and teachers in the synagogue. But with Jesus they witness something

new. We don't know what Jesus was teaching that day, or what kind of lan-

guage he was using, but what struck the people was that he taught with author-

ity. He had drawn them in, but they couldn't quite put their finger on it. 'What

does it all mean?' they asked each other. He had made them think, and they

recognised that he was he was offering something different. T. Doherty

Baptism preparation meeting

on Thursday 29 January at 7.30p.m. Anyone wishing to have their Baby Baptised please give Fr. Derek at least one months notice.

Baptisms take place the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month on - Saturday evening at 6pm in St. Nicholas Parish church or Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. .

Holy Hour for Vocations

Being the year of Consecrated life there will be holy hour for vocations

on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7.30—8.30p.m. in our Adoration Chapel.—beginning 12 February. We hope as many as possible and especially young people will join us for this.



Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Tony, Noel, Pat, Marie, Brian, Muirinn, Jean, Orla, Ciara, Rita, Baby Reuben, Dermot, Michael, Vera, Brian, Frank, Bridget, Anne, Paddy, Olive, Breda, Geraldine, Kathleen, Michael, Pat, David, Anthony, Ann, Maureen & Patrick. Let us pray for those, facing surgery, tests, in nursing homes, and all who care for our sick.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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.



Can you help us please?

On Friday evening 6 February, there will be a **big clean up** of St. Nicholas' Church. If you can come along for even a short time to help out it would be really appreciated. Time: 7.30p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

*May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.*

Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.

Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.

Bless every foot that walks portals through.

May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Gerard Shanahan and family, College View Drive on the death of his wife Bridie. May her gentle soul rest in peace eternally.



Young People

If you are aged 13 –16 you are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings 7.30-8.30 in Salesian Sisters home. 3 Oakton Road, Westbury, for a time of Fun, Faith & Friendship on Sunday evenings.

Ladies Club

This group had their initial meeting on Thursday last with an attendance of 19.

This group will meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month, in our Parish Centre. This is something new and exciting in this parish and Ladies—you are all welcome to attend.

Affected by Suicide: Grieving after Suicide

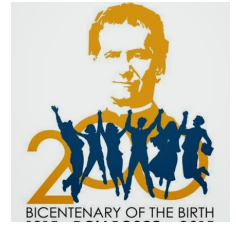
A talk and discussion led by Fr Brendan McManus SJ in Corpus Christi Primary School, Moyross, Saturday 7th February 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Struggling to come to terms with his brother's suicide, Jesuit priest Fr Brendan McManus SJ decided to walk the Camino de Santiago, the famous Spanish pilgrimage route. On the road he underwent a profound journey of re-birth and renewal that moves through grief and anger to hope, gratitude and acceptance. Brendan has written some of his story in a book - 'Redemption Road -Grieving on the Camino'. This talk will be of interest to people dealing with grief, people interested in Mental Health, and people interested in the Camino De Santiago. Proceeds from the book go to the charity CONSOLE which works to prevent suicide and also supports families of loved ones who have died through suicide. If interested please contact: Fr. Tony at mobile: 087 9286945

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Feast of St. Jon Bosco 1815— 2015 Bicentenary of his birth.

Happy feast and thanks you for joining us at this evening's Mass in his honour.. Please join us for refreshments in the centre afterwards. We would also appreciate if food would be eaten in the centre only and NOT in the church., out of respect. Thank you.



Thank You

St. Munchin's college group of students and teachers who are traveling to Calcutta at Easter wish to extend their sincere thanks for the overwhelming support at last weekend's collection which amounted to €2,870.00.

Scoil Ide News

ACE awards are given to pupils who excel in school life through attainment, community spirit or effort. Well done to the December ACEs.

Kate Newman & Craig Garvey, April Hartnett & Emma Byrnes, Scott Kirwan & Olga Luczak

Academic excellence awards

were presented to: Hazel Kirwan, Sophie Clein, Eoin O' Brien. Congratulations and well done!

Preparations are underway for the celebratory jubilee concert which will take place in St. Munchin's College on Thursday 26th March. The Choir, Orchestra and Recorder Ensemble will be joined by some past pupils to celebrate the 50th Anniversary

4th and 5th Classes are beginning work on projects for Engineers Week 2015. The 4th Classes will be designing, building and time trialling their Viking Long Ships. This year 5th classes will be designing, building and launching bottle rockets. Engineers Week runs from the 8th to the 14th February.