



# St Nicholas Parish News

## 22 January 2017

### 3rd Sunday in ordinary Time

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Immediately they left their nets and followed Him."

He was calling them away from their productive trades to be productive spiritually.

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**Mass times: Weekdays:**

9.45am. Mon, Tues. & Wed.

St Munchin's College Chapel

7.00pm Thursdays in St.

Nicholas's

**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**

Tues 24th: St. Francis de

Sales

Wed 25th: Conversion of St.

Paul

Thurs 26th: Sts Timothy &

Titus

Fri 27th: St. Angela

Sat 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

**'They who sing, pray twice'**

As part of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017**, we invite you and your church choir to come to St Michael's Church, (Perry Square), Limerick to sing a couple of your favourite hymns/worship songs, to listen to others doing the same, and to join in all together as well...all in order to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity When Tuesday, 24th January, 8.00 pm

Further information, Rev'd V. Lynch, [vickilynych@eircom.net](mailto:vickilynych@eircom.net) 086 8292073

### **The choice is ours**

You may have heard this story before: 'An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A battle is going on inside all of us," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good – joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed".'

In a way, it is as simple as that. Each one of us faces hundreds of choices every day. Mostly, they are minor decisions that may not seem important at the time. But they all add up to something. They make us the person we are. Do our choices make us the kind of person who follows Jesus, or the kind of person who goes in the opposite direction?

We can stay stuck where we are, repeating the same old patterns, or we can leave it all behind and choose a new path, like Peter, Andrew, James and John did. They were called, and they took decisive action. This initial choice to follow Jesus was reinforced and remade, day in and day out, during their discipleship journey, just as it is on ours.

Triona Doherty

### **Meditation**

Quiet meditation on Tuesday mornings at 3 Oakton Road, Salesian Sisters' home.

Time: **10.30am-11.00am.**

You are very welcome to join us.



### **Grandparents**

Next Sunday 29 January we will celebrate all Grandparents and their importance in the lives of families and community.

We invite you all to our 10.30 Mass and look forward to meeting you.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation for the young people in Scoil Ide will be on Saturday 18 February. In preparation for this there will be an opportunity for all the young people and their families to avail of the Sacrament of Confession. This will be on Monday 30 January.

**Please keep Bishop Brendan in your prayers as he continues to represent us all in Rome at the AdLimina visit**

### **Baptism Notice**

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice.

Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. **Times:** 6.00pm Saturday evening in St Nicholas church or Sunday 1.00p.m. in St Munchin's College Chapel. ( In the boys secondary school on Corbally Road)



### **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy and prayers to:

Chrissie Cosgrove and family, Willow Grove on the death of her sister Brigid Davis.

Kieran O'Grady, Vernon Crescent, on the death of his brother Gerard.

May they rest in peace



### **Annual Social Service Collection after all Masses this weekend**

The Limerick Social Services Council (LSSC) is a leading voluntary service working in communities in Limerick City and County for the past 50 years. Our mission statement is: Through a caring response, the LSSC aims to promote the dignity and growth of individuals, families and groups.

## Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Evelyn, Monica, Ailish, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Frank, Dymna, 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.



## Christian Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18 to 25 January – the octave of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. The theme chosen for 2017 is 'Crossing Barriers'.

The 2017 resource material was prepared for worldwide use by the churches in Germany based around the verses 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. The text from 2 Corinthians announces that God has, in Christ, reconciled the world to himself. The love of Christ compels us to be ambassadors of this reconciliation, which is enacted by dismantling walls. The community in the Augustinian Church, is hosting a Service to pray for Christian Unity on Wednesday 25th January at 7.30 pm. They extend an invitation to people from other Christian denominations and Fellowships to join us. The service will include Singing, Scripture Reading, Silence and Prayers of Intercession. This will be followed by some simple hospitality. Please come and join us in honouring this year's theme: **'Reconciliation- The Love of Christ Compels Us'** (2 Corinthians. 5:14)



## Retreat for MEN

Theme: THE BEATITUDES on Saturday next, 28th January 2017

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm (finishes with Mass)

Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall and Church

Retreat Leader: Rev Joseph Hayes S J Cost: €20.00 (includes lunch)

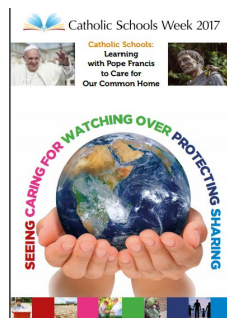
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## Catholic Schools' Week: 29 January— 4 February

Catholic Schools Week is an annual all-Ireland celebration which invites schools to give expression in an exceptional way to the ethos of Catholic education. It acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make, not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church.

This year's theme, 'Catholic schools: Learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home' has been informed by *Laudato Si'*, the 2015 encyclical by Pope Francis on care for our common home



*"Sorry for being late, but I got stuck enjoying my last few moments of not having to be there on time!!"*

## 24 Hour Adoration

24 hour Adoration **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:

Tuesday from 2—4 and Thursday 9.30—12.30 for anyone who may need to book Masses, get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Phone: 341300

## Safe Driving

We wish all who travel at this frosty season a safe journey.

Please continue to be a responsible driver at all times. Your life and the lives of others are precious.

A little prayer to say:

*Keep O Lord your holy hand upon me and all who travel, so that no harm may happen to us either in soul or body. Amen*



## Opening a Door on the Bible

The Bible workshops answer Pope Francis' wish that "the study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer".

This is the challenge we have undertaken over the past three years, and so too for 2017, with the following workshops planned.

Feb 11 *The Gospel according to Matthew.* Martin Hunter op

March 11 *The Gospel according to Mark.* Tbc

April 8 *The Gospel according to Luke.* Tbc

May 13 *The Gospel according to John.* Mike Culloty

The workshops take place in the Terence Albert O'Brien hall on Dominic Street close to the Tait Clock on Baker Place on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12.30. All are welcome.

## Card Night

Anyone interested in a card night, we have now moved from Scoil Ide to the back room of O'Driscoll's pub Corbally Thursday at 8 pm all welcome you don't have to have a partner

Mothers & Toddlers meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30-12.30 in the Pastoral Centre. All Welcome