



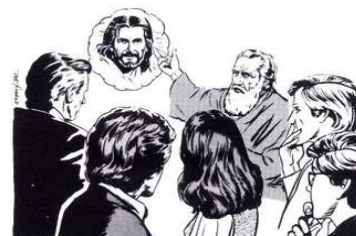
St Nicholas Parish News

4th Sunday of Year A

January 31st 2016

Feast of St. John Bosco

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Salesian Sisters:

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Mass times:

9.45am

Mondays, Tuesdays

Wednesdays. St. Munchin's

College

7.00pm—

Thursday: St. Nicholas'

Fridays: No Mass

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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by Wednesday please.

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Feasts this Week

Mon 1st: St. Brigid

Tues 2nd: Presentation of
the Lord

Wed 3rd: St. Blaise

Fri 5th: St. Agatha

Sat 6th: St. Paul Miki &
companions

**Readers for
next weekend**

Sat: 7.00pm:

Tracy & Michael

10.30: Michele &

Aedin McNamara

12.00: Ide Mullane



FACING THE TRUTH

In today's Gospel Jesus invites the people of his home town to come to the truth of themselves and to stop hiding. This could have been a real moment of grace for them, if they were open to it, but it is often hard to hear. This passage, read together with last Sunday's, is the entire Gospel in miniature.

The references to Elijah and Elisha may confuse us; they are reminders that the prophets of the past did not focus only on their own people. Elijah for example, did not provide miraculous food for the Israelites but for a pagan widow and her son in a foreign town. This talk of divine favours to foreigners is that last straw for the Nazarene community. The final verses foreshadow the fate of Jesus, but the time is not yet. It seems that Jesus has committed the ultimate political blunder of finding fault with his own people. The message is one of a call to a radical reversal of perspective; something with which the Gospel of Luke is very concerned. Jesus will proclaim a new kind of freedom and his openness of heart is too much for those who hear him. Where do we see this in our communities today?

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world'.
Christian Aid – Tony Singleton

Come and See: Vocations Initiative

Maybe you have been thinking about the priesthood as a way of life for you? Maybe you have felt you are being called?

This event is an opportunity for you to 'come and see'. Together with other men from Munster, we will gather in St. Patrick's College, Thurles on February 5th with dinner at 6.30pm, followed by some time for prayer, meet others thinking of the priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight February 6th prayer, breakfast, a brief talk on discerning a vocation, preparation for Mass, lunch, discussion, depart.

Contact: Fr Leslie McNamara. Vocations Director, Diocese of Limerick
at lesliemcnamara@eircom.net 061/414624



Munster Rally for Life

The first ever Munster Rally for Life will take place in Cork on Saturday February 27th, assembling on The Grand Parade, Cork at 2pm. The rally will be a celebration of life and will call for the continued protection of mothers and babies from abortion

Next Baptism meeting:
Thursday 25 February.
Make arrangement with
Fr. Derek.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well

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.

AL ANON (Family group meetings in limerick)

Monday 8.30pm Reparation Convent, Laurel Hill Avenue, South Circular Road.

Tuesday 11.00am Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street.

Thursday 8.00pm Reparation Convent, Laurel Hill Avenue, South Circular Road.

Friday 11.00am Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street.

The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend' -

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the following who have been recently bereaved:

Sheila Kent, Shannon Banks on the death of her mother Margaret Power.

To the family of Tommy Nash, Killurran, Broadford.

To Maurice Quillinan and family, Mill Road on the death of his mother Frances.

May they rest in peace.



Remembering our Sick

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



Marriage Support

Retrouvaille: A life line for marriage

Is your marriage stressed, unloving or cold? Do you feel alone or distant from your spouse? Have you lost the desire to communicate with each other? Do you feel disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so, but want to try again?

The Retrouvaille programme can help you recover your marriage. **[Next programme 5th – 7th February 2016.](#)**

For information contact Tony & Anne 01 4953536, Mike & Anne 01 4500922, text or call 086 4135440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL

Parish Office opening hours

In St. Nicholas Church. For certificates, enquiries etc:
Wednesday : 2pm - 4pm
Thursday : 9:30am - 12:30am Parish office number is: 341300

Thank You

I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who contributed so generously last week-end to my fundraising for "Make A Wish Foundation". The sum collected came to €1,396 which will go a long way to making a dream come through for some seriously ill Children. Thank you so much.

I will continue to support "Make A Wish" and I still want to meet as many people as I can on the day of their birthday (or as near to) to raise money. take a picture for the website to mark the occasion and if your in a position to, you can make a donation to Make A Wish.

The challenge started on the 1st of January and runs until December 31st. Follow my progress on ...[facebook.com/thebirthdaychallenge](https://www.facebook.com/thebirthdaychallenge). [@birthdaymeeting](https://twitter.com/birthdaymeeting) . Harry



Dublin & Shannon Gospel Choirs in Concert

The Dublin and Shannon Gospel Choirs at the Lime Tree Theatre, Limerick

Saturday, 6th February at 8pm

The Dublin and Shannon gospel choirs have come together with a concert that is not to be missed. They have been working together since 2009, and this February you will get a chance to see them perform live in the Lime Tree Theatre. It promises to be a fantastic night of gospel and contemporary music performed by two of the top gospel choirs in Ireland.

Tickets: €22/€18 Box Office: 061 774

774 www.limetreetheatre.ie

CBS Sexton Street

invites pupils, past pupils, parents & friends of the School to a special Bicentenary Mass in St John's Cathedral, Limerick Next Sunday Feb 7th commencing at 12noon. Mass will be celebrated by Dr Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick to mark the 200th anniversary of the Christian Brothers in Limerick.



Please take home a copy of this newsletter. We encourage you to avail of it to promote upcoming events, let us know if someone needs prayers etc.