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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

St. Nicholas' Parish News
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16 Sunday of the Year
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Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen

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Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.
9.45am.College Chapel

Thur, 7.00pm

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Weekends:

Sat 7.00pm . St Nicholas

Sun.10.30 am. St Nicholas

12 noon:

St Munchin's College Chapel

Items for newsletter

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Feastdays for July

Mon 23

St Bridget of Sweden

Tues 24

St Declan (Lismore)

Wed 25

St James Apostle

Thur 26

SS Joachim & Anne



THE DEEP END: Crowds and Shepherds

The gospel today emphasises the importance of taking time for yourself as Jesus takes the disciples to a deserted place after all their hard work. It teaches an important lesson about remaining connected to Jesus if we are to be his followers. It is unfortunate for them that their break is interrupted. The crowd are thirsty for more and suffering from a lack of real leadership. Jesus has so much compassion for the people that the phrase Mark uses actually means he felt compassion in his intestines! A biblical way of saying he felt compassion for them in the pit of his stomach.

Next month we greet the shepherd of the Catholic Church as Pope Francis comes to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. It will be a momentous occasion, a once in a life-time experience to see and to hear from a Pope who has so much to say to us about sharing the gospel message in our world. He calls us to be joyful Christians, to reach out to the poor and abandoned, to be disciples in our families, communities, on the streets and to help build a world that is true to Christ's vision for this world. Pope Francis is a leader who inspires many. Whether you are travelling to the festival or watching it at home we pray for the success of this extraordinary event. Let us pray today for leaders in our Church and in our communities, that they will inspire people, nurture people and listen to the Spirit who guides us on this path[Jane Mellett. mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:Jane Mellett.melletjt@gmail.com)

MUSINGS

'I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.'

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 57

Pray for Peace in war-torn Countries



Please pray for peace around our world. Many wars exist including in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Chad, Nigeria, Cameroon and Niger. Smaller conflicts are also ongoing in Yemen, Pakistan, Sudan, Samali, Libya and Ukraine. Countless atrocities have been committed and many thousands of people have lost there lives. Remember to pray for the safety of children and people going about their normal lives in these regions. That help, supplies and healing is available for all those caught up in conflict.

PLEASE < DO DRIVE CAREFULLY AND RESPONSIBLY THIS SUMMER

As we pray for all who travel this summer, it can only do us good to ask the Lord for His protection on us each time we set out. You may wish to use the following short prayer each time you set out on a journey – long or short: Keep O Lord your holy hand upon us so that no harm my happen to us in soul or body. Amen.

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Pat Healy Brookhaven Walk, Mill Road, Corbally, who died recently.



To Liz O'Connor, her son Christopher and the extended O'Connor family, on the death of her husband Ger. Mill Road, Corbally, and South Circular Road. May they rest in the Peace of Christ.

If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all your envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness, and fears.



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 (across from the priests house) in Westbury.

Baptism:

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

Happy Holiday Time

Many of our parishioners are on their holidays at the moment having a well deserved break. We hope you all will have an enjoyable time of rest and safety, and come back to us with renewed energy.

No Weekday masses in St Nicholas Parish.

There will **not** be weekday masses in St Nicholas Parish for July and August. Weekend masses continue as normal. We invite You to join us in St Mary's church for daily mass at 10am.



Dear mother earth, who day by day
Enfolds rich blessings on our way.
O praise God! Alleluia!
The fruits the flowers that verdant grow,
Let them his praise abundant show.
O Praise God, O Praise god,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. *St Francis.*

Pray for those who are ill



We pray for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

May this time be special for you:

A time of loving blessings from the Lord;

A time of his fondest favour in your life;

A time of his closest presence in your loneliest moments;

A time of his strength in your weakest days;

A time of his consoling light in your darkest hour;

A time of his greatest care when you feel most vulnerable.

May his healing love enfold you,

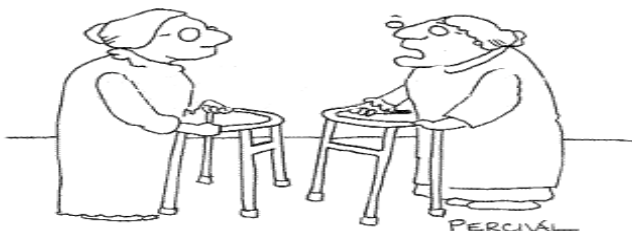
Shine in and through you, to renew you in spirit. *Amen*

Continue to pray for Mary, Dermot, 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.

. May God be with them at this time of worry and anxiety. May he grant them a speedy recovery

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let John/Maura know by

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“ The trouble with today's generation is that they can't stand on their own two feet.”

.Please take home a copy of this newsletter and one for a sick neighbour. If not please leave it on the table by the door on your way out. Thank you.

Feeling Lonely or Worried?

Are there days when nobody calls? Would you like to share a worry? Are you feeling lonely? Call Senior Helpline: **1850 440444** Mornings 10am—1.00pm. Evenings 7pm—10pm. You will be speaking to an older person who will welcome your call. The service is provided from anywhere in Ireland for the price of a local call. For more info. www.seniorhelpline.ie

The alphabet of friendship...

- A** friend Accepts you as you are
- B**elieves in you
- C**alls you just to say hello
- D**oesn't give up on you
- E**nvisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts)
- F**orgives your mistakes
- G**ives unconditionally
- H**elps you
- I**nvites you over
- J**okes with you and has a sense of humour
- K**eeps you close at heart
- L**oves you for who you are
- M**akes a difference in your life
- N**ever judges
- O**ffers support
- P**rays for you
- Q**uietens your fears
- R**aises your spirits
- S**ays nice things about you
- T**ells you the truth when you need to hear it
- U**nderstands you
- V**alues you
- W**alks beside you
- E**xplains things you don't understand
- Y**ells (gently!) when you won't listen
- Z**aps you back to reality.



Be Kind

You may be sorry that you spoke

Sorry you stayed or went

Sorry you won or lost

Perhaps sorry so much was spent.

But as you go through life you'll find

You'll never be sorry that you were kind.

Lord Give Us What Is For Our Good



Season of summer outings when families escape from routine and enjoy a day out, and children immerse themselves in having fun, like riding a merry-go-round. If parents can give their children good things when they ask, and want them to be happy, then how much more Lord, can you who are goodness itself, give good things to us when we ask you! Lord, teach us to ask, and give us what is for our good. Amen.