



# St Nicholas Parish News

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24th 2016

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**Mass times:**

No Weekday Masses For the month of July in the parish .

Weekend Masses will continue as usual.



**Weekends:**

**St. Nicholas'**

7.00pm Saturday

10.30 am— Sunday

**St. Munchin's College:**

12.00 noon Sundays.

**Items for newsletter**

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**Feasts this Week**

**July**

**Mon 25th**

St James Apostle

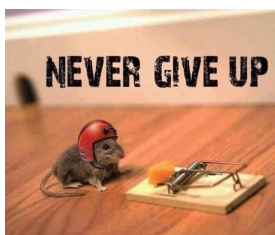
**Tues 26th**

SS Joachim \* Anne

**Fri. 29th**

St Martha

Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. A neighbour who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.



### MUSINGS

‘The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.’ Children hate it when they do not get the exact gift they put in for – ask Santa Claus. Our young ones look for one model of a mobile phone and get a slightly older (and possibly more reasonably-priced) version. Loud disappointment rebounds through the whole house: ‘That was NOT what I wanted!’

The father who would hand his child a snake instead of a fish would get a similar response. Giving a stone instead of bread would not go down well either.

The only time when the wrong gift is acceptable is when it is a better gift, bigger, more generous, more useful, more luxuriant. Which brings us to the key message of the Gospel: you may ask for whatever you wish from God, what you get in return will blow your mind, even though it is not exactly what you asked for.

Heavenly Father, help me. Whatever I seek, send your Holy Spirit to fill my heart. Let your Spirit satisfy me..... Fr Bernard Cotter

### The Deep End • The Open Door

How do you pray? Is there a right or a wrong way of doing it? Should we pray lying in bed or kneeling at the altar, alone or in company, in the church or out in nature, in stillness and silence or with tambourines and songs of praise?

The first disciples weren't quite sure how to go about things, and today we see them approach Jesus to ask him 'Lord, teach us to pray'. In response, he gave them the words of what we now know as the 'Our Father'. But he had some more advice for the disciples too – keep praying! If you were to call on a friend for help in the middle of the night, Jesus says, your persistence alone would convince him to help. If a child asks for food, his parents will naturally grant him what he asks for. The message is clear – we just have to keep asking.

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to spend time alone in prayer, and we know from the Passion accounts that he cried out to God in moments of anguish and desperation. There are many different ways to pray. It matters less where and how we choose to pray, than the fact that we choose to pray at all. If we keep asking, if we keep the lines of communication open, God will grant us what is good. Brian Zahnd... Triona Doherty

### A Creed to Live By

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others.

It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what other people deem important.

Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart.

Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future,

By living your life one day at a time.

Don't give up when you still have something to give.

Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect.

It is a fragile thread that binds each of us to each other.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it impossible to find.

The quickest way to receive love is to give love;

The fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly;

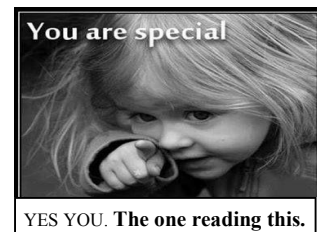
And the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope;

To be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been but also where you are going.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured each step of the way. ....Nancy Sims



YES YOU. The one reading this.

### Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Baby Tommy, Baby Martin, Dan, Margaret, Tony, Marie, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Rita, Brigid, Paddy, Michael, Eric, Kate, Baby Reuben, Vera, Frank, Bridget, Dymna, Breda, Pat, Ann, Brigid, Sean and John. 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.



*May the Lord bless you in your hour of need. May he surround you with his healing peace, and gladden your heart. May he keep you always in his care, and gently touch you with his Loving presence. Amen.*

### Family Carers Ireland

Are providing the QQI level 5 care of the older person module off the Health-care Award on the 7 September in Georges Quay, Limerick. If interested kindly contact our training department on 057 9370221

### Finding Mass on holiday in Ireland

Are you heading off on holiday in Ireland and wondering how to find out about Mass times? Most hotels, guest houses and B&Bs will have local information. If you don't have access to local knowledge, you might like to look up 'Catholic Ireland's website. They have a list of all Mass times in Ireland and you can look up a county, diocese or parish.

### Slow Down

We ask you to be extra vigilant when driving on the roads, especially in and around our estates. It is up to us to make sure that our kids stay safe. Parents should be aware of their children's whereabouts at all times. Please make it a happy and enjoyable Summer for all.....Slow Down

**National Novena to Our Lady of Knock** Events are finalised for the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from the 14th – 22nd August. The theme for this year is 'Merciful like the Father' in keeping with the Jubilee Year of Mercy

### Parish Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

This will be on Saturday 20 August. Booking takes place in the sacristy after Mass or by ringing Emily: 345681.

### Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Margaret Greensmyth and family, Mill Road on the recent death of her mother Kate Corley. To Claire Rainsfort and family, Irish Estates, on the death of her husband Paddy. *May they rest in Peace.*

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

1600 pilgrims will travel from across the island of Ireland to World Youth Day in Krakow - 48 travel with Limerick diocese and many more with various religious congregations and communities.



Our Bishops have asked for prayers for World Youth Day which will take place in Krakow, Poland, during 26-30 July. The theme for WYD 2016 is "Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7). World Youth Day will provide the backdrop for Pope Francis' first pilgrimage to Poland and it is anticipated that over two million young pilgrims from around the world will attend this faith and joy filled event. Please pray for our young people.

### Parish Office

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

### Notice in a Farmer's Field:

The farmer allows people to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.

### Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love



Our Adoration Chapel in St Nicholas church is open until 6.00pm each day. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him.

### The Pope Video for July 2016

Respect for Indigenous Peoples Pope Francis became "a spokesman for the deepest longings of indigenous peoples" in the message disseminated in recent days on his Worldwide Prayer Network, The Apostleship of Prayer. Speaking in Spanish the Pope said that his universal prayer intention for the month of July is respect for those populations whose origins in a particular place date back to prehistoric times. "I want you to add your voice to mine", the Pope urges, while images move across the screen displaying the faces of men and women from different ethnic groups in traditional dress, "in a heartfelt prayer that all will respect indigenous peoples, threatened in their identity and even in their existence".

### Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome

Sept 28th – Oct 2nd 2016 Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy Cost: €799. For further info.. go to [www.culturalconnections.eu](http://www.culturalconnections.eu) Or Phone 057 93 55050



### We all Need a Laugh

*A teacher was giving a religious lesson one day and was talking about the descendants of Adam & Eve. So when little Jimmy came home he said to his father "Dad who are we descended from" and his father said "according to evolution we are descendants from Apes" The boy was a bit shocked by this and decided to ask his mother. His mother assured the boy that that we are descendants of Adam & Eve. "But" said the boy, Dad said we are descended from the Apes" "Ah" said his Mother, "he is talking about his side of the family"*