

Fr. Derek Leonard P.P. Phone 340614 Salesian Sisters: 348510

Mass times: 7.00pm-

Fridays:Liturgy of the Word witrh Holy Communion. St. Nicholas'

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 John 085 7406822 Dympna 348510 by Wednesday please. E-mail: stnpnewsletter@gmail.com

Feasts this Week July

Tues 29th St Martha

Thurs 31st St Ignatius of Loyola

August

Fri 1st St Alphonsus, Liquori.

Sat 2nd Bl Augustus Czartoryski

Readers for next weekend: Sat: 7pm: Geraldine Van Dam

Sun: 10.30: Brendan Ryan Emma Moloney. 12.00: J Clancy / I Mullane

A good friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

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 \mathbf{T} oday's Gospel speaks of the kingdom of heaven as a treasure hidden in a field, in exchange for which a man is prepared to sell everything because of the joy that it brings. Whenever I speak to young people who are about to leave school and choose a career, I often ask them 'What are you passionate about? What would you really enjoy getting up in the morning to do? Then, if at all possible, choose that - and don't allow the salary scale to be the one defining factor.' To discover one's essential activity in life is already to have glimpsed something of the kingdom.....Salvador Ryan

SISTER ACT

We all should know nuns are called to help the community and to spread the word of God. Most of them spend their time in silent prayer and reflection. They head out into the community to do whatever they can, education, being spiritual directors, doing youth guidance and counselling or offering up any other talents they have in the name of God. Some are teachers while others work in charitable causes. Nuns serve a very important life in the church and normally are dedicated to the Church and Christ more than most others.

Therefore we all should express our thanks and gratitude to our Salesian Sisters, Dympna, Kathleen and Bridget, who live among us and help shape our community, our ideals and beliefs.

"As you serve the Lord with all your heart and his life shines through you to light the way for others, may you rejoice in knowing what a difference you are making in our parish.

May God bless you for the work, love and goodwill that you spread throughout our

Special Holidays

We're thinking of you this time of year, Wishing you happiness, joy, and cheer. May all your days be warm and bright, And your nights enhanced by holiday light.

Enjoy your delectable holiday foods. As parties and gifts create holiday moods. Favourite people play a meaningful part, While treasured rituals warm your heart.

You are special to us in many ways, So we wish you Happy Holidays!



By Joanna Fuchs

Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital-Brian, Mhuireann, Orla, Ciara, Baby Reuben, Dermot, Michael, Vera, Brian, Frank, Bridget, Anne, Paddy, Olive, Breda, Geraldine, Kathleen, Michael, Pat, David, Anthony, Ann and Maureen. Let us pray for those in nursing homes, and all carers.



We offer our deepest sympathy to Sandra Ryan, Larkin's Cross on the recent death of her father Robert.

To Peter Long, Crofton Drive, on the death of his mother Kathleen in Tuam To Agnes Donnelly, Lanahrone Avenue, on the death of her husband Tim. To the family of Brendan Mc Guinness Plassey Avenue, Corbally......May they rest in peace.

If you have a family member in hospital please let Fr Derek know as parishioners' names are no longer given through the hospital receptionist.



Lough Derg Pilgrimages

God's healing grace is experience on Lough Derg in an intensity seldom encountered elsewhere: through spiritual exercise, companionship of other pilgrims and the sheer holiness of the place. Daily boats from 10.30 until 3.00p.m. every day until 13 August. No booking necessary. Further information from 071 9861518. e-mail info@loughderg.org

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

This will take place at Cistercian College, Roscrea from 14th-17th August. This is for young people 16—35 yrs. And is an opportunity not to be missed—to experience our Catholic Faith and meet many new people. This festival has been nicknamed the "Holy Oxygen", with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. Donation only. Www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690 for further information.

A Quiet time with Jesus

24 hour Adoration will resume on Thursday 4th September. There will be adoration every day from 9.00a.m.—6.00p.m. and on Thursdays until 11.00p.m.

St John's Cathedral

RTE 1 will feature St. John's Cathedral in a programme 'Building Ireland' on Tuesday 29th July at 7.00p.m. Orla Murphy, architect will investigate its gothic revival spire and Susan Hegarty, geographer, will uncover the world famous qualities of the local blue limestone. Tim Joyce will explore the city's relationship with the river Shannon.

Good Neighbour Partneship

Milford Care Centre and Local Community Organisations are at the heart of the Good Neighbour Partnership. We are holding a meeting of all interested Community Organisations on Tuesday 5th August 2014 at 2pm in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick and you are invited to attend. We would like to get this initiative under way in September 2014. If your organisation is interested in this initiative, please contact Dr Kathleen McLoughlin, 061 7851684 or email k.mcloughlin@milfordcarecentre.ie

AWARE DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP: Meets on Wednesdays at 8pm at the Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street. All are welcome Aware Support Groups are free to attend, no referral necessary. www.aware.ie

MAGUIRE PROGRAMME: Support for people with speech difficulties, stammers etc. Joe: 074 9125781

MOVE: (Men overcoming violent experience) Brian: 367881 **SHINE:** (Self help for people living with Schizophrenia) Brian: 087 9259146

LOST FUTURES: (support for bereaved parents) Mary 085 1270165 CONSOLE: Suicide bereavement counselling. 061 306792, Helpline 1800 201 890

No Weekday Masses

For the month of July in the parish there will not be a weekday Mass from Monday to Thursday. The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will continue on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. Weekend Masses will continue as usual.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock



This will take place on Saturday 16th August. Coach leaves St Nicholas ' Church at 8.30am. Booking and further information can be obtained in the sacristy or by ringing 345681.



HOME CARE WORKER VACANCIES

Must have FETAC Level 5 Major Award in Healthcare Support or equivalent completed [8 modules] or be in process of completing same.

Please forward a letter of application outlining your suitability for the position and a current CV to The Carers Association, Unit 1 Georges Quay House, Georges Quay, Limerick or by e-mail to <u>cdevlin@carersireland.com</u> Tel: 061-310434

I'm Not Really 60

Margaret Hill That's not my age, it's just not true My heart is young, the time just flew I'm staring at this strange old face and someone else is in my place!

My body's not in disrepair I've not much grey in my brown hair I sometimes feel a little tired But go for jogs when I'm inspired

This age old thing is not for me Concessions given, prescriptions free I'll just pretend I'm in my prime To age too fast would be a crime

I'm just not 60 in my head It's still so long till I am dead So please don't see me in that way I'm staying young, if that's OK!

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.