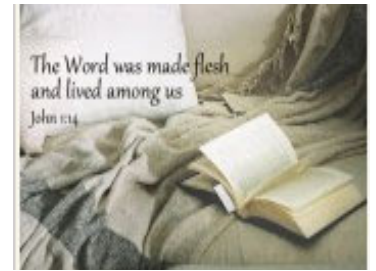




St Nicholas Parish News
 14th Sunday of the year
 Sunday July 5th 2015
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Mass times:

NO MIDWEEK MASSES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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

July

Mon 6th
 St Maria Goretti
Tues 7th
 Bl. Maria Romero Meneses
Wed 8th
 St Kilian (Kilmore)
Thur 9th
 St Augustine Zhao
Sat.11th
 St Benedict

Readers for next weekend

Sat: 7.00pm:
 Celine Holland
 Isabel Earls



Sun: 10.30am:
 Miriam Houghton
 Theresa +Christine

12.00:P Cronin / F Quillinan

Last weeks collection came to:
€905- 00

Thank you for your generosity.

THE DEEP END • 'WHAT IS THIS WISDOM?'

Can you think of a time when someone returned home after a life-changing experience, full of enthusiasm, and the response of the locals was mixed: 'Who do they think they are?' Perhaps it was you who had changed in some way, experienced a conversion or a new outlook on life and suddenly you were surrounded by the people who know you deeply and who are struggling to accept your new found wisdom. Often when these experiences happen, our family and friends do us a favour. They keep our feet on the ground and bring us on a journey back to everyday life. Like Jesus, we too can be amazed that this 'wisdom' is not shared by those around us. We should never crush the dreams or visions of others, but sometimes it is useful to keep one foot in reality while trying to achieve our dreams in small steps. Today, it is also worth asking how we treat our modern day prophets? Prophets are controversial, they swim against the tide; they tell people things that they don't want to hear; they try to encourage change and transformation. They can be extremely unpopular. Can you think of one modern-day prophet who may be calling you to something different, to something greater, even if it is uncomfortable? We will always learn something, even if our viewpoint doesn't change. We should challenge ourselves to listen, to grow. How often has Jesus come to us in the form of someone we know very well, but we did not recognise him.....Jane Mellet.

Synod Prayer

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all: help us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour. Unite us to yourself in love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. *Amen*

Pray for the Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Dan, Catherine, Helen, Tony, Marie, John, Brendan, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Rita, Michael, Eric, Kate, Baby Reuben, Michael, Vera, Frank, Bridget, Breda, Michael, Pat, David, Anthony, Ann, Maureen & Patrick. Let us pray for those, facing surgery and tests, those who suffer illness and sickness at this time. We pray for those in nursing homes, and all carers. If you would like a sick relative or friend mentioned, Tel: Dympna 348510 / John 346664

YOUTH 2000 FESTIVAL: This year it is taking place from Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th August 2015. Registration will begin at 6pm on Thursday evening. It will take place at Cistercian College, Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. There are free buses from various locations around the country (online from June 2015). The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is full of variety. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. It is a packed program but there is also time for chatting, sitting, relaxing, soccer and generally chilling. The theme for the festival is "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" Jn 14: This is a youth event. We are encouraging those aged between 16 - 35 years to attend.

Parish Facebook

Why not check it out at [https:// www.facebook.com/ Saintnicholasparish](https://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish) We would be delighted to receive any photos or suggestions You would like included on our page

Parish Office The parish office will be open each Wednesday from 2.00—4.00pm and Thursday 9.30—12.30 for anyone who may need to book Masses, get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel, opposite the priest's house. Phone: **341300**

Camino In September



A group of 49 parishioners and friends will go on our Parish Pilgrimage, walking 110km on the Camino of St.James from Sarria to Santiago de Compostella, Spain. This is one of the oldest pilgrimage walks and finishes at the Cathedral in Santiago and the burial place of St.James ,the apostle. We are conscious that many people for health or other reasons would not be able to join with us on this walk. We would like to represent you on this pilgrimage and if you would like to write out a petition on the cards provided in St.Nicholas church, our pilgrims will be privileged to carry your petition along the Camino and place it at the tomb of St. James

Things God won't ask on THAT day

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.
- God won't ask about the colour of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.

THANKS

A big word of **THANKS** to the sponsors of our Family Fun Day, and to all who gave donations and spot prizes. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Garvey's Super Valu, Aura Leisure Sareva Bar, Hook & Ladder. Parteen / St. Nicholas GAA Munchin's Grill, Corbally Nursing Home Applegreen. Dermot Cosgrave, John Dundon, Larkin's Pub, Fusion Hair, Tesco Express, Emutex.
Thanks also to our great team of volunteers.
This day could not have happened without your help.

Vocations

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life
2nd Thursday of month 7.30—8.30p.m. in our Adoration Chapel.

Lough Derg

Lough Derg is a place of welcome where no one is judged and everyone is equal. You can begin your three Day Pilgrimage on any day from 29th May until 13th August. No need to book.

Daily boats to the Island from 10.30am until 3:00pm 7 days a week until 13th August.

Regular pilgrimages throughout the season country wide.
Contact Maureen or Lorraine in Lough Derg direct on 071 9861518 email: info@loughderg.org

LSSC Counselling Project

Last year the Counselling Project at Limerick Social Services Council worked with over 850 people from Abbeyfeale, Kilmallock, Newcastle West, Rathkeale Limerick City and beyond. We do so quietly and with respect for the depression, stress, bereavement and relationship difficulties that people faced and we aim to keep doing it. If you want more information or wish to enquire about our project, please contact our Centre on 061-314111.

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

Takes place Every **Friday 7.00pm** in our prayer chapel.
Everybody welcome.

Rise of the Roses

All are welcome to join us for the Rise of the Roses tour on Saturday 1st August at Salesian Convent Fernbank, North Circ. Road, Limerick. We would like this to be a family occasion. As we will not have any idea of numbers, but are expecting a large crowd, the RoR team (a group of young and inspiring people) suggest you bring along a cup and cupcake!!! Pick up a small poster at the exits and spread the word.



Would you like to teach in Cambodia ? I have a request from Cambodia looking for 2 teachers to teach English from September 2015 to July 2016. Should you or someone you know be interested please contact Sr. Dympna by July 24th. [086 3708652](tel:0863708652)

Church Grounds

As you may have noticed some tidying up has taken place around the church grounds. Doors and windows of St. Nicholas' church have been cleaned and painted. Now that many of our young people are on holidays we remind **parents to ensure** they are not loitering in the church grounds. The parish cannot be responsible for them and their behaviour. The Church is not a playground. Perhaps they could do some clean ups around the area-should they have time on their hands.

A priest told of a time when he'd said "I think there is something wrong with my mike". Well he was right, the mike was not on so the congregation had not heard him but assumed he'd said his usual "Peace be with you". The congregation gave its response of "And also with you."