



St. Nicholas' Parish News
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Mass times:

Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.
 9.45am.College Chapel

Thur, 7.00pm
 St Nicholas .Church

Weekends:

Sat 7.00pm . St Nicholas

Sun.10.30 am. St Nicholas

12 noon:
 St Munchin's College Chapel

Items for newsletter

To be in to:

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Feastdays for June

Mon 11

St Barnabas Apostle

Tues 12

5 Young Salesian Polish
 Martyrs

Wed 13

St Anthony of Padua

Thurs 14

St Davnet

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'Thank you', it will be enough.' ~Meister Eckhart.

Children as soon as they begin to speak are taught to say thank you. It is generally recognised that a spirit of thankfulness must start at a young age. Not everyone is fluent in a second language but we all know how to say thank you in a number of languages. In faith matters we know that saying thanks to God is also important. God doesn't need our thanks and if we don't say thanks, God's love for us won't be any less. So why bother? When we develop a spirit of thankfulness in our lives, we will find that we will grow in our relationship with God. This growth will happen naturally rather than forcing it or making it artificially happen. So whether we say Thanks, Go raibh maith agut, Merci, Dziekuje or Gracias, It's well worth the effort.

Exam Time

Let us remember our young people doing Junior and Leaving Cert at this time in our prayer and thoughts.



Exam Prayer: Spirit of Wisdom, bring serenity to my mind and heart while I take my exams.

Give me a quiet confidence in my gifts and talents. Remind me of my dignity and preciousness in a world where we compete in exams, for jobs, for a place in life.

Anoint my memory with the power of remembering. Keep me calm each day during the exams. May my results be for enrichment of my life and the education of my heart.

I ask this prayer through Jesus, my Friend and Helper always. Amen

Taxi Driver

A taxi driver arrives at an address. He honks his horn. No response. He honks again. Still no response. Out he gets and knocks on the door. A stressed voice cries out, 'Just a minute, please.'

After a long pause he hears something being dragged to the door. A frail old woman in her 80's opens the door pulling a suitcase after her. 'Would you carry my case to the car, please?' she asks. 'Sure,' he says, and as he moves off she links his free arm and walks slowly with him to the taxi.

She gives him an address and asks him to go through the city centre. 'It's not the shortest way, Ma'am,' he says to her. 'I don't mind,' she replies, 'I'm going to a hospice. There's no hurry.'

He looks in the rear-view mirror, and sees tears in her eyes as she reveals, 'I've no family left. The doctor says I haven't long to go.' As she says that the driver leans over and quietly switches off the metre.

They drive around the city centre. She points out where she had worked in an insurance office, where she and her husband had lived after their wedding, and a building that once was a ballroom where she had first met him. At one or two places they stopped in silence – her mind elsewhere. Much later they reach the hospice.

The taxi driver goes home lost in thought, convinced and content that he has just had one of the most important days of his life.

Believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit - there are lots of them.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD

Invitation

The Salesian Sisters invite you to a quiet time of meditation on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11:00 am. At their home. 3 Oakton Road, Westbury.

Baptism:

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

Mothers & Toddlers

Mothers & Toddlers meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30-12.30 in the Pastoral Centre in St Nicholas Church. All Welcome.

Prayers for Exam Students

Over the next few weeks, our Parish Community will be praying in a special way for students sitting for their Junior Cert and Leaving Cert.

If you would like your family member, friend or neighbour included our daily masses, please write their name into the Petition book in the prayer space in the church.

The Holy Spirit

We all know that having an incorrect address on your mail, means it won't reach the intended recipient. But, if you were to send a letter to God, what address would you use? The answer is, of course, 'Heaven'. (Hopefully the Post Office know the postcode!) Similarly prayers to Jesus could be addressed 'Jesus in heaven, at the right hand of God.' But how about the Holy Spirit. That's where we might get stumped. Where is the Holy Spirit, that you can pin it down to an address? The answer is...right here. The Holy Spirit exists here in the world. He is all around you and in you. He is the comforter, the supporter, the enabler. Older generations still call him the 'Holy Ghost'. If so, he is certainly a friendly one.



*Believe that you can
and your already half
way there*

St. Nicholas' Children's Choir.



The children's choir will be taking a break for the Summer after today. Thank you so much for your beautiful singing throughout the year. In particular a big thanks to the parents/guardians who brought you to practice every Wednesday and to mass every Sunday. Looking forward to welcoming you all back in September. In the meantime, have a great summer and remember.....keep singing!

June Retreat at Glenstal Abbey

Tuesday 26th June - One Day Silent Retreat for Women.

Wednesday 27th June - Annual one Day Retreat for Women (not silent).

Thursday 28th June - Day Retreat for Men. Reflect, relax and pray in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of the Abbey.

Meals and Refreshment breaks are included. Cost €45.

For more information; Tel. 061 621005

E-Mail events@glenstal.com

Remembering those who are Sick



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for 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.

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

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A Time Away for Couples

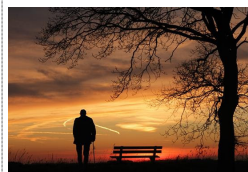
Is all your time taken up by work and a million activities? Why not take some time out for you to talk, pray and spend time together as a couple. Find direction in your marriage, share with other couples....and your children will be cared for in their own space - but in close proximity. If so, this is the retreat for you - Esker Retreat Centre, Galway, 22nd to 28th July 2018. Contact Cana Ireland 085 7330191, info: canaireland.org.

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.



Information Evening for Bereaved Parents



Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Thursday 14 June at 7:00pm** in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before **Wednesday 13th June** or call the Info Line on 085 2888 888.

Ever Wonder ...

Why the sun lightens our hair,
but darkens our skin?

Why women can't put on mascara
with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline
'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is the time of day with the
slowest traffic called rush hour?

Out of the mouth of babes!

Johnny got the message early in life. When asked by his religion teacher what he thought of God he replied with a gravity beyond his young years, 'I bet it's very hard for him to love everybody in the whole world.

There are only four people in our family
and I can never do it.'

