



St. Nicholas' Parish News

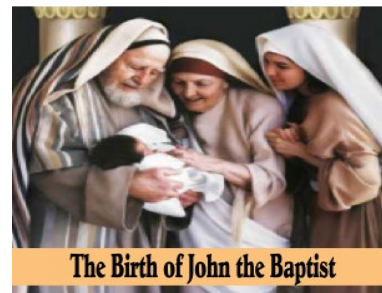
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Birth of John the Baptist

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The Birth of John the Baptist

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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

Wed 27

St Cyril of Alexandria

Thurs 28

St Irenaeus

Fri 29

SS Peter & Paul



'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'

Blessed Irish Martyrs • 20 June

This week, we remember the seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, clerics and lay, put to death for the Catholic faith between 1579 and 1654 and were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992:

Dermot Hurley, Archbishop of Cashel, hanged 20 June, 1584 at Hoggen Green. Conor O'Devany, Bishop of Down and Connor, hanged, drawn, and quartered. Patrick O'Loughran, chaplain to the O'Neill family and Maurice McKenraghty, chaplain to the earl of Desmond, both hanged.

Also hanged were Dominicans Terence O'Brien and Peter Higgins, Franciscans John Kearney, Patrick O'Healy, and Conrad O'Rourke, Augustinian William Tirry, and a Jesuit lay brother, Dominic Collins.

Lay people, Francis Taylor, mayor of Dublin, and Margaret Bermingham, died of ill treatment:

A baker, Matthew Lambert, and a group of sailors, Robert Meyler, Edward Cheevers and Patrick Cavanagh were hanged, drawn, and quartered on 5 July 1581. Six Catholics of Irish birth or connection executed for the faith in England had already been beatified in 1929 and 1987: John Roche John Carey, Patrick Salmon, John Cornelius (alias John Conor O'Mahoney), Charles Meehan and Ralph Corby (Corbington).

Vigilance

We remind parents /guardians to be vigilant of the whereabouts of their children during these long summer evenings.

To those who will be taking part in Summer camps we hope you enjoy them and help others enjoy them also.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

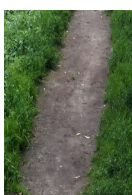


The coming week many of our parishioners and friends will be taking part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We wish you a safe and prayerful pilgrimage.

Words to live by:

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, Because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

- May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, Enough trials to make you strong, Enough sorrow to keep you human and Enough hope to make you happy.
- The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; They just make the most of everything that comes along their way.
- The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; You can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.
- When you were born, you were crying And everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end You're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.



**On the path
between the
homes of
friends,
grass does
not grow**

Home Alone

Now that Summer is upon us and the days are longer, we spend more time outdoors, or away from home for weekends or on holiday. Let us not forget those in our parish who are living alone, who are not mobile and need support. If you know of anyone who may be living alone and would like a visit on a regular basis please contact

NATURE'S MAGIC SPELL

Once more the sun sets in the west,
And nature takes a well-earned rest.
Petals close in sweet repose,
Forget-me-nots and briar rose.
Sweet peas tendrilled firm to trellis,
Blooms of potted amaryllis.
Magic moments ticking by,
Underneath a star-strewn sky.
Nocturnal creatures stir from sleep,
And from their nests and burrows creep.
Bats and tawny owls in flight,
Take advantage of the night.
So softly turns the carousel,
In tune with nature's magic spell



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 month's notice. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

A Hurler's Prayer

Grant me, O Lord a hurler's skill,
With strength of arm and speed of limb.
Unerring eye for the flying ball,
And courage to match what e'er befall.
May my stroke be steady and my aim be true,
My actions many and my misses few.
No matter what way the game may go,
May I rest in friendship with every foe.
When the final whistle for me has blown,
May I stand at last before God's Judgement Throne.
May the great Referee when he calls my name,
Say: "You hurled like a man, you played the game".

Well Done Limerick



You did your Best

Remembering those who are Sick



PRAY

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.

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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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.



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

My apologies
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Thank You

Last week I forgot to mention Brian O Connor, who so generously donated the delicious sausages that we all enjoyed so much at the St Nicholas Family Day Barbecue. This is the second year that Brian has donated for the cause, for which we are eternally grateful. Thank you Brian.

Exams

To all who have done or are still doing exams we hope you gave your best and that you will get the rewards from the work you put into your study.

Wrong way

A girl was driving along the motorway when she got a call from her boyfriend on his mobile phone. 'Be careful because I have just heard on the radio that there is a car going the wrong way down the motorway that your'e on.'

'It's not just one car,' said the girl,
'there's hundreds of them.'

