



St Nicholas Parish News
 26 June 2016
 13th Sunday of Year
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Mass times:

9.45am

Mondays, Tuesdays
 Wednesdays. St. Munchin's
 College

7.00pm—

Thursday: St. Nicholas'
 Fridays: No Mass

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

Mon 27th: St. Cyril
 Tues 28th: St. Irenaeus
 Wed 29th: Sts. Peter &
 Paul

Mass this Thursday will be at 9:45am in St. Munchin's College Chapel. There will be no evening Mass on Thursday

Please take home a copy of this newsletter and one for a neighbor. If not please leave it on the table by the door on your way out.

Next Baptism meeting:
 Thursday 1 September!
 Make arrangements with
 Fr. Derek.

'What kind of Messiah?'

To declare Jesus the Messiah was not only a challenge to the religious authorities of the time but it was also a political statement. As Messiah, Jesus is the Anointed One, The King of Israel, and immediately becomes a threat to Herod and the Roman Empire. It is no wonder Jesus ordered the disciples to keep quiet for fear of early opposition from the authorities.

A deeper reflection may conclude that Jesus did not want the wrong sort of success. He gives the disciples a new title in today's Gospel: 'Son of Man' and a new definition of Messiahship. Jesus does not want to be a leader of a violent revolt against an establishment. He has rejected that sort of power earlier in the Gospel. Jesus leads in a different way, the least are the greatest and the poor own the Kingdom. The message of His way is of a great reversal and this forces his followers to re-examine what 'Messiah' (and disciple) actually mean. There can be no violence, no hunger for power, yet it is also not a passive way. Jesus still opposes suffering and evil. His leadership is one of solidarity with those who suffer and who are oppressed and that way is not an easy journey.

Jesus did the ultimate violence to violence: he laid it bare, and still did not succumb to it People like Jesus, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, by having violence turn against them, they unmask it and thereby begin to undo it. It is to this costly alternative that Jesus is inviting his disciples both in ancient times and today. Justo Gonzalez Jane Mellett

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will be taking place from Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th July 2016 at the Cistercian College in Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. This promises to be an absolutely amazing weekend where you can grow in your love and knowledge of God, meet new friends, catch up with old friends and enjoy plenty of fun and joy with those who wish to celebrate their faith!



Dominican's Farewell Mass

We invite you to join with us on Sunday July 3rd for a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell at 3pm followed by light refreshments in the Pery Hotel next door to us.

Mass of Healing and Consolation on Thursday 30



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Ann Reidy, Irish Estates on the recent death of her sister Carrie Clune. May she rest in peace.

The Parents' Council Second Hand Book Sale and Uniform Drop will take place in the Hall on Monday, 27th June at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th

AL ANON (Family group meetings in limerick)

Monday 8.30pm Reparation Convent, Laurel Hill Avenue, South Circular Road.

Tuesday 11.00am Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street.

Thursday 8.00pm Reparation Convent, Laurel Hill Avenue, South Circular Road.

Friday 11.00am Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street.



The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend' -

Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital—, Baby Martin, Baby Harper, Chloe, Pat, Dan, Margaret, Tony, Marie, John, Brian, Muirinn, Helen, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Brigid, Paddy, Michael, Michelle, Eric, Kate, Baby Reuben, Precious, Vera, Frank, Bridget, Dymna, Martin, Brigid, Sean and John. Let us pray for those, facing surgery & tests, all in nursing homes, and all who care for our sick at this time.

LIMERICK DIOCESAN PILGRIM-

AGE TO ROME FOR THE YEAR

OF MERCY Sept 28th – Oct 2nd 2016

Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy
Cost: €799

Phone 057 93 55050 or go to www.cuturalconnections.eu



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 back of St. Nicholas'. It is a haven of peace, prayer and quiet.

24hr Adoration takes place each week from Thursday following 7.00pm Mass to Friday 6.45pm. This is an ideal opportunity for you to have some quiet time with the Lord.

MARIAPOLIS SUMMER FEST - MERCY MATTERS!

The Mariapolis is the Focolare summer gathering where people of all ages, backgrounds and faiths meet to take timeout together. It is like a retreat but different because it is lived together with each day having talks, workshops, outings and fun, moments of reflection and discussion. This years gathering is on July 6th – 10th in Dungarvan and everyone is welcome.

REGISTRATION From 6pm to 10pm on 6th July in Gold Coast Hotel complex. Registration fee Adult €55; Concession €40; Family (with children under 18) €120. Daily Registration fees, one third of above.

Parish Office opening hours

In St. Nicholas Church. For certificates, enquiries etc:

Tuesday : 2pm - 4pm

Thursday : 9:30am - 12:30am. Parish office number is: 341300

Counselling Service

The Limerick Social Services Council runs a vibrant and relevant counselling service in Limerick city and county. Last year over 905 people were supported in Limerick city, Abbeyfeale, Kilmallock, Newcastlewest, Rathkeale and beyond. This service is offered quietly and with respect for the depression, stress, bereavement and relationship difficulties that people faced. If you would like to know more about the service, please call the LSSC centre on 061 314111

Ladies' Retreat, Glenstal

'Gift yourself a day away'

Tue 5th or Wed 6th July 2016 at The Annual Ladies Retreat at Glenstal Abbey
Relax, reflect, pray and enjoy the company of others in the peaceful and beautiful surroundings of the monastery.

Rev Henry O'Shea, a monk of the community will lead the day. To book your place, call Reception – 061 621005 or email events@glenstal.com The cost is €45 per person, and this includes morning tea/coffee/snack, 2 x talks, lunch, holy hour and confession and afternoon tea.



Generosity

Today I helped make food for the homeless. The man I was giving the sandwich to said he didn't want it. I asked 'why?' and he pointed to his friend behind him and said: "I want the birthday boy to have two sandwiches on his special day. It's the only gift I have to give." His friend was elated. People who have nothing still give.

Warning!

Beware of people calling door to door seeking money; do NOT give any money to these people. If you have any concerns or suspicions, contact Henry ? Street Gardai at 212400.

The Lighter Side !

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to Mass and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken this long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."