



**St. Nicholas' Parish News**  
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**Week Day Masses**

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wed.  
 9.45 a.m. St. Munchin's Coll.  
 7.00pm . Thursdays & Fridays.  
 In St. Nicholas

**weekend Masses : St. Nicholas'**

7.00pm Saturday.  
 10.30 am— Sunday.

**St. Munchin's College**

12 noon Sunday

**Items for newsletter**

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**Feasts this Week**

Thurs 5th: St. Kieran

Sat 7th: SS. Perpetua & Felicity

Collection last week: €1,017.50  
 Thank you.

**Readers next weekend**

7.30 Tracey English, Michael Cooke

10.30: Miriam & Christine Houghton

12.00: P. Cronin, F. Quillinan

**Confirmation:** Saturday 21 March. Please keep these young people and their families in your

*Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. We encourage you to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting us know of someone who needs prayers etc.*

**Coming Down the Mountain** Intercom

The people of Sebeya in Ethiopia once lived in a region where mountain tops were green and covered in vegetation. Today, the people of Sebeya are confused as to why their rains have stopped; why a land once full of vegetation is now dry. Having lived a simple life and played no part in causing their weather systems to change, these people are now experiencing the effects of climate change, the causes of which lie with the lifestyles of rich nations thousands of miles away. This is a great injustice.

When we read today's Gospel we can see Peter who is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus. But Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind at the time. Jesus' way involves coming down from the mountain and walking a very different path. We hear the call to act on climate justice everywhere but now we need to really listen and to take urgent action. This involves making changes to our lifestyles and campaigning governments who are slow to act. We start with ourselves, with small acts in the hope that the Kings and Presidents of the world will follow.

'Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all.' Pope Francis

**Parish Reconciliation Service**

On Thursday 19 March we will have a special parish Reconciliation Service in St. Nicholas' Church. Following a short, creative preparation, people— young and young at heart will have the opportunity to avail of this great Sacrament of Forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. There will be a number of invited priests available also. Mark this date.

**Lenten Reflections**

A one page reflection on each Sunday Gospel called Hearing, Happening, Hoping can be downloaded from the Killaloe Diocesan website. [www.killaloeocese.ie](http://www.killaloeocese.ie)

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing

**Support for parents**

Parenting programme on the Mondays of Lent, 10.30 –12 in our Parish Centre. To book a place please ring or text Sr. Kathleen 087 2120880

If you are a young adult between the ages of 18 and 40 and would like to explore your call to discipleship in the context of the Gospels we invite you to join us in St. John's Cathedral House (adjacent to the Cathedral), Cathedral Place, Limerick, each Wednesday evening during Lent

**Holy Hour for Vocations**

Holy Hour for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life on Thursday 12 March in our Adoration Chapel. Please come and join us in prayer and reflection.

## Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Tony, Pat, Marie, John, Brian, Muirinn, Jean, Orla, Ciara, Rita, Kate, Baby Reuben, Dermot, Michael, Vera, Frank, Bridget, Anne, Paddy, Olive, Breda, Geraldine, Michael, Pat, David, Anthony, Ann, Maureen & Patrick. Let us pray for those, facing surgery & tests, in nursing homes, and all who care for our sick.



## Trocaire

“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs .



**Mahlet** (13) is the little girl from Ethiopia who appears on this year's Trócaire Box. Mahlet represents the many children in the developing world who are suffering because their families can't grow enough food to feed them. Please support this year's Trociare Lenten Campaign.

## ACE Awards in Scoil Ide

**These** are given to pupils who excel in school life through Attainment, Community Spirit or Effort. Well done to the January ACEs. Leah Dillon, Megan Mullane, Sophie McGrath, Ian Cunningham, Ilya Melniks and Ciara Gibbs. Congratulations and keep up this good work.

## Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to Sandra, Mary and Michael Woods on the death of Christine Woods during the week may her gentle soul rest in peace eternally.

*We don't change God's message:  
His message changes us.*

*The person who kneels before  
God can stand before anyone*

## Young People

If you are aged 13 –17 you are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings 7.30-8.30 in Salesian Sisters home. 3 Oakton Road, Westbury, for a time of Fun, Faith & Friendship on Sunday evenings.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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.

## Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a method which helps us to reflect on the Word of God and how it is still alive today in one's own life experiences. Each Wednesday during Lent at 3, Oakton Road at 8 –9 p.m. Salesian Srs home. All are welcome.

## First Confessions

We congratulate all the children who have made their first confession during the past week.

## The Limerick Branch of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland

are holding a Bridge Morning in the Limerick Golf Club on Monday 9th March at 10.00 a.m. Admission €15 including Raffle. The Limerick Branch of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland will hold their Monthly Carer's Meeting at their Day Care Centre, Kilmurry Court, Garryowen, Limerick on Wednesday 4th March, from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. Tel: 061-313456. All are welcome.

## The Parents Council of Ardscoil

**Mhuire**, Corbally, Limerick, are holding a Bingo Night in Ardscoil Mhuire school hall on Thursday, 5th March at 8.00pm. Cost €10 for full book and €5 for half book. Your support would be gratefully appreciated. Refreshments will be served on the night. An enjoyable night is promised.

**Baptism Meeting:** Thursday 26 March for parents who wish to have their child baptised in April. Please give Fr. Derek one month's notice.

## The Children and Family Relationships

**Bill** which was published last week is a very significant piece of legislation which will have significant impact on the laws relating to the welfare of children and parenting and guardianship. It is a complex piece of legislation and therefore Corpus Christi Parish is hosting an Information Seminar on The Children and Family Relationships Bill.

The seminar will be led by Dr Geoffrey Shannon, Family Law Expert, Solicitor and Chairperson of the Adoption Agency. The purpose of the session is to help those attending better understand what is proposed in the Bill. It will be of interest to professionals working in the area of child welfare and family support as well as ordinary members of the public. The session will be designed so as to present the background and contents of the Bill in easy to understand language.

The Information Session will take place in Corpus Christi Primary School on Wednesday 18 March at 4.00pm. Prior Registration is required. An attendance fee of €10, payable on arrival, will apply. Concession for unwaged. Places are limited, so please register in advance by requesting a place on the seminar to [CFRB@moyrossparish.com](mailto:CFRB@moyrossparish.com)

## Parish Facebook

Our Parish Facebook is up and running. Why not check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish> Please "Like us" and tell your friends. We would be delighted to receive any photos or suggestions You would like included on our page of past.

## Team Limerick Clean-up

On Good Friday, 3rd April a massive clean-up day in both Limerick City and County will take place. The TLC initiative is sponsored by the JP McManus Benevolent Fund and will be co-ordinated by Limerick City and County Council with the support of Mr Binman; the Limerick Leader and Live 95FM.

This has to be one of the most exciting campaigns ever to hit Limerick, and we hope people will come out in force to do their bit to clean up the environment. It only requires a few hours of your time on Good Friday and getting involved promises to be great fun as well as very worthwhile. Volunteers can sign up easily at [www.teamlimerickcleanup.ie](http://www.teamlimerickcleanup.ie) or simply call the helpline on 061 496200