



St. Nicholas' Parish News

4th Sunday in Lent

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St Munchin's College.

9.45am. —Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm — Thursday

Weekends:

St Nicholas

7.00pm — Saturday.

10.30 am — Sunday.

St Munchin's College

12 noon — Sunday

Items for newsletter

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May this Lenten time be a blessing in your life.

May your Lenten journey be a blessing in the lives of others.

May God bless us all on our journey together.

Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on

Trocaire

"Making your neighbour a loan is an act of mercy, to lend him a helping hand is to keep the commandments." Ecclesiasticus, 29:1. This St. Patrick's weekend, we celebrate the solidarity Irish people have shown with the world's poor over many decades. Trócaire is proud to be a conduit for the compassion of people here at home which last year saw over 2.4 million people in 25 countries receiving support. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit.

Trocaire's Lenten campaign 2017 is asking people here at home to join the fight for justice by supporting Trócaire's work. The injustices faced by the world's poorest people are many and can only be tackled with your help.

To find out more visit www.trocaire.org/lent

Please collect a Trocaire box from the church, if You have not already done so.

The Cloth of Suffering

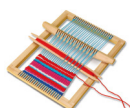
Each of us has some suffering or hurt in our lives, sometimes dating back from the past. The 'Cloth of Suffering' symbolises the hurt contained in our lives and community. During Lent we ask that you bring a piece of cloth (any colour) about 6 inches square and leave it in the labelled basket. Your piece of cloth can represent for example: Grief over death or separation;

The pain of living with a partner, parent or child who has a problem;

The pain of sickness; The pain of being misunderstood; The pain of failure; The pain of doing wrong to others or having it done to you;

During Lent and holy week the cloths will all be sewn together into one complete garment. On Good Friday the garment will be draped over the Cross where Christ suffered for us bearing our sin and pain. During Lent and Easter we will pray to be healed and the garment will be burnt.

What is unique about this ritual is that you will be able to recognise your own piece of cloth, your own grief and suffering and yet understand that so many others share similar worries.



The Loom Of Time

Man's life is laid in the loom of time to a pattern he does not see,
While the weavers work and the shuttles fly till the dawn of eternity.
Some shuttles are filled with silver threads and some with threads of gold,
While often but the darker hues are all that they may hold.
But the weaver watches with skilful eye each shuttle fly to and fro,
And sees the pattern so deftly wrought as the loom moves sure and slow.

God surely planned the pattern: each thread, the dark and fair,
Is chosen by His master skill and placed in the web with care.

He only knows its beauty, and guides the shuttles which hold
The threads so unattractive, as well as the threads of gold.

Not till each loom is silent, and the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God reveal the pattern and explain the reason why,

the dark threads were as needful in the weaver's skilful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver for the pattern which He planned.

Liam Lawton Workshop

A once off workshop with Liam will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 8.00 pm until 9.30pm in Adare parish church, Adare. Cost €10 per person covers the Book and Workshop costs. Please book your places as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, by calling 061 400133 or Adare parish office on Tel: (061) 396 172

Email: office@adareparish.ie

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 9.30am to 6.00pm. each day. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.

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 Pat, Evelyn, Monica, Ailish, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Frank.Ger. Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love. Amen.

Baptism Notice

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6.00pm Saturday evening in St Nicholas church or Sunday 1.00p.m. in St Munchin's College.

Lenten Talks:

Wed.29 March: Doras Luimní. Support for asylum seekers and refugees

Location: Blessed Terence Albert Hall. Entrance on Dominic Street, opposite Costello's pub. Time: 7.30 Pm. Donation of €5 invited. Enquiries to: **083 4748126**

Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus, You came among us to show us how to live life to the full and to prepare for that work you went into the desert for forty days. During this season of Lent Help us to set aside time to reflect on what it means for us to live life to the full. Help us to see ourselves as we are and not to be afraid to make changes Help us to be generous and open to your Spirit who prompts us to do the right thing Help us to look at the big picture and to know that each of us has a part to play in making the world a better place .Lead us along the path to Easter and a true understanding of the depth of your love. Amen

World Meeting of Families 2018

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1st and 2nd April 2017. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

Scoil Ide Ace Awards:

ACE awards are given to pupils who excel in school life through Attainment, Community Spirit or Effort.

Well done to our February ACEs.

VI:Nolan: Aaron Benson & Jack Kinsella

VI:Heaney: Abbie Ryan & Davide Chinaglia

VI: Boland: Emma Vasic & Ryan Hartnett

Parent & Baby Care Group: Invite you to the following event in the Parish Hall, Westbury.

Parish Office

The parish office will be open each Tuesday from 2pm—4pm. and Thursday 9.30am—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



Passover Meal

Our Parish Seder meal will take place on Tuesday, April 4th in the Parish Centre. As Jesus celebrated the Passover as his last supper with his disciples, we explore as a community the symbolism and richness of this Jewish tradition and the connection with our own faith.



An Irish Blessing

God grant you always...
a sunbeam to warm you,
a moonbeam to charm you,
a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you.
Laughter to cheer you,
faithful friends near you ,
And whenever you pray, heaven to hear you.

Mass for Healing & Consolation

This will be on Thursday 30th March at 7.00pm in St Nicholas Church. Westbury. All welcome

Volunteer Needed

The Parish is looking for a volunteer to help with the formatting of the weekly newsletter. Must have experience with Mocosoft Publisher. If interested please contact John at 0857406822/345368

Hail Mary Word Search

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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search game.

Hail Mary full of Grace, The Lord is with thee, Blessed art though amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death..... Amen

Wed. 29th March 11.00 to 13.00	WOMEN'S POSTNATAL CARE	Sandra Caulfield Physiotherapist
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