



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Palm Sunday

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HOLY WEEK



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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

Spy Wednesday

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Collection last week: €1,380.00

Thank you.

Readers next weekend

7.30 Tracy English, Michael Cooke

10.30: Miriam & Therese Houghton

12.00: Jim Clancy, Ide Mullane

Practice this Tuesday evening at 7.30p.m. for the Good Friday Pageant in St. Nicholas' Church.



PALM SUNDAY

Today we read Mark's account of Jesus' Passion; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that this account offers us. A good question to ask is 'Where do I stand' in this Gospel? Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples, are you closer to the Roman Soldier who confesses Jesus's identity after his death – an unlikely hero? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'distressed' and 'agitated' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his closest friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? Mark has Jesus die in total isolation.

The cry of abandonment on the cross has to be one of the most frightening aspects of this account: 'Eloi, Eloi Lema Sabbachtani?' My God, my God, why have you deserted me? At the crucial moment, even God is silent. This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end there, but for this week we enter into the rawness of Mark's cross. We can remember those today who stand for justice, who fight for human rights, those who are counter-cultural, who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is dangerous and lonely. And we can continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?' Jane Mellett

Holy Week and Easter ceremonies in St. Nicholas' Parish 2015

Spy Wednesday 11 April at 700p.m. Chrism Mass in Redemptorist's Church

Holy Thursday: 9.45am Morning prayer —St. Munchin's College Chapel
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (St. Nicholas') Adoration until midnight (11.00 —12pm organised Holy Hour)

Good Friday: 9.45am Morning Prayer – St. Munchin's Chapel
3.00pm :Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St. Nicholas')

"I was at Calvary" ...pageant (St. Nicholas') at 8.00p.m.

Holy Saturday 9.45am Morning Prayer in St. Munchin's Chapel. 9.00pm Solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil. Gather in St. N. church grounds.

Easter Sunday 6.30a.m. : Dawn Mass - Entrance to Shannon Fields (Irish Estates).
10.30a.m. Mass in St. Nicholas' 12.00noon: Mass in St. Munchin's Chapel.

Confessions: 8.00p.m. Holy Thursday 11.00a.m. Good Friday.

Easter Dues

Easter dues envelopes and card will be distributed throughout the parish during the coming days . Due to break-ins in previous years and for security reasons it might be advisable to pay by cheque if this is convenient for you.. Thanks to all who help deliver these.

The card contains details of all our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies. Please come along and join us for these. It is important also that our young people attend these.

Bible Reading Group

The next meeting of those in the Parish who have committed themselves to reading the Bible in a year, will take place on Tuesday, April 14th at 8pm in the Parish Centre, St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

“They took branches of palm and went out to receive him, shouting: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.’” John 12:13. The palm symbolises Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It could also be used as a symbol of the entry of many communities in the developing world to a new era of hope where crops grow where there was once parched land thanks to your support of Trócaire’s projects.



Charismatic Conference

This will be in the Radisson Blu Hotel on April 25th and 26th. Theme: The Word **is** made flesh. All welcome. We are all asked to pray for a deepening of the Father’s gift of Jesus to each of us in preparing for this wonderful annual conference.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Noel Baragry and family, Ashleigh Close, on the recent death of his mother Kitty (who was a regular visitor to our church). May she rest in peace



Lourdes 2015



The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 21 June—26 June 2015. Further details re.

costs and accomodation are on the poster on noticeboard. Early booking is advisable.

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. This will resume again on April 19th

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, Pat, Ann, Maureen & Patrick. Let us pray for those, facing surgery & tests, in nursing homes, and all who care for our sick.



DRIVE SAFELY

Over the past few weeks there have been a lot of tragic deaths on our roads. As we take a break over the Easter period let us all make that extra effort to drive carefully and safely.

Congratulations

We congratulate all the young people who were confirmed last Saturday. On Tuesday last they had their final meeting of the You Shall Be My Witnesses programme where all were acknowledged together with their leaders.

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

Well done to our February ACEs. Emma Kiely & Ciarán Gillane
Dylan Marcus & Caoimhe Kelly
Qasim Khan & Emily Ahern Keep up the good work.

Synod Prayer

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. Amen

Great Limerick Clean-Up

As part of the Corbally Clean Up on Friday 3 April here are the meeting place for anyone who wishes to join a group. Time 10.00am. St. Nicholas’ Church grounds, Scout Hall, Entrance to Shannon Fields, roundabout between Park Gardens and Rosendale, St. Mary’s Secondary School car park and Mill Stores, Mill Road. If anybody wishes to do their own clean up that would be much appreciated also.

