



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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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

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Feastdays for May

Mon 14

St Maithais Apostle

Tues 15

St Cartage (Lismore)

Wed 16

St Brendan (Kerry)

Fri 18

St Leonard Murialdo

Consider the postage stamp. It secures success through its ability to stick on one thing till it gets there.



#WorldComDay2018

FAKE NEWS AND THE POPE | INFORMING = FORMING
A SYMPOSIUM ON THE 52ND WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Today is World Communications Day. This is prayer is often shared at social media gatherings and it is a useful reminder of the importance of the Church putting out into the deep of the internet:

Christ has no online presence but yours,

No blog, no Facebook page but yours.

Yours are the tweets through which love touches the world.

Yours are the posts through which the gospel is shared.

Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed.



Meredith Gould, The Social Media Gospel

THE DEEP END: Forgotten feast

Sandwiched between Easter and Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension can sometimes tend to be overlooked. It can be hard to make sense of the artistic images we see of Jesus disappearing into the clouds as the disciples stand stare after him. But the Ascension does more than simply mark the culmination of Jesus' earthly life; it opens up for us a path to God. Where Jesus has gone, we hope one day to follow.

As Pope Francis puts it, 'the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now ... present in every space and time, close to each one of us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.'

It is this very presence of Jesus that gave the disciples, and gives us, the strength for mission. Immediately before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final and most important instruction: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news to all creation.' And after he goes, the disciples straight away set about the task. Far from being suddenly absent, we are told the Lord is now working with them in a new way. The Ascension is less a loss than a transition, a promise that Jesus will always be with us.....*Triona Doherty*

St Nicholas Family Fun Day

Our Parish Family Day will take place on Sunday, June 10th from 11:30am to 3pm. This day will include Obstacle Course, Bouncing Castle, Play Trailer,

Merry-go-round, face painting and barbecue and lots of more fun.

Admission is free and donations on the day will be appreciated.

In order to organise the day safely and smoothly, we would appreciate help.

If any adult/ teenager could volunteer to help on the day, please place your name and contact number on the sheet at the back of the church.

Parish bus to mass with Pope Francis on August 26th..

Our Parish bus is now full.

Thank You to the 67 people from our Parish who have signed up.

Family Bingo Night

St Oliver Plunkett Scout Group 25th Limerick Shannon Banks

Raising funds for Summer Activities for Cubs & Scouts.

Venue: St Munchin's College Corbally. Date: Friday 18th May 2018 Time: 7.30pm.

Great fun & Prizes Galore !!

Tickets.....€10.00 (Admits 12X Adult or 2X Children) Family.....€20.00

Invitation



The Salesian Sisters invite you to a quiet time of meditation on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11:00 am. At their home. 3 Oakton Road, Westbury.

You are also invited to join them for the Rosary at 6.00pm. Mon-Friday during the month of May.

Baptism:

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one month's notice. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

During the season of Easter the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus.



Queen of Heaven Rejoice. Alleluia

For He whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

Be glad and rejoice O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

Because the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.

The alphabet of friendship...

A friend Accepts you as you are
Believes in you
Calls you just to say hello
Doesn't give up on you
Envisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts)
Forgives your mistakes
Gives unconditionally
Helps you
Invites you over
Jokes with you and has a sense of humour
Keeps you close at heart
Loves you for who you are
Makes a difference in your life
Never judges
Offers support
Prays for you
Quietens your fears
Raises your spirits
Says nice things about you
Tells you the truth when you need to hear it
Understands you
Values you
Walks beside you
Explains things you don't understand
Yells (gently!) when you won't listen
Zaps you back to reality.

Thanks

We thank all who were involved in the preparation of the children for their First Holy Communion. It was obvious that a lot of work and people were involved. We congratulate and thank the children themselves, their parents / guardians, teachers, Do This in Memory Group and the wider community for your interest, support and 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 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.

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. If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let John/Maura know by

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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.

Mothers & Toddlers

Mothers & Toddlers meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30-12.30 in the Pastoral Centre in St Nicholas Church. All Welcome.



Family Vocation Prayer

Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are baptised in your name, and grant peace and harmony to all families. Bless all parents, and help them to find peace and happiness through their vocation. We ask you to help all children and young adults to discover the vocation that will enable them to live life to the full as they become their best selves in the service of God's kingdom. We make this prayer in your name. Amen.

Magic Math Quiz

Answer each of the following questions in order.

Pick a number from 2 to 9. It can be 2 or 9 or any number in between. Take the number that you've chosen and multiply it by 9. That should give you a two digit number. Take those two digits and add them together. Take the resulting number and subtract 5 from it. Take that number and correspond it to the alphabet by numbering the letters. (A=1, B=2, C=3, and so on.) Take your letter and think of a country that begins with that letter. Take the last letter in the name of that country and think of an animal. Now, take the last letter in the name of that animal and think of a colour.....Answer at end of this page!

The Senility Prayer

God grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference !

Answer. Remember there are no Orange Kangaroos in Denmark!

