

# St. Nicholas' Parish News

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## Mass times:

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.



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.'

## 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 months 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.

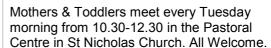
Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love. If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let John/Maura know by

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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**





## **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.

## 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!

