

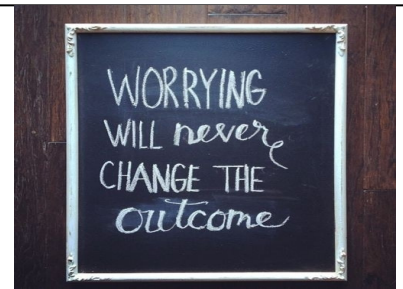


St Nicholas Parish News

1 May 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

www.saintnicholasparish.ie



Fr. Derek Leonard P.P.

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Salesian Sisters:

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Mass times:

9.45am

Mondays, Tuesdays

Wednesdays. St. Munchin's College

7.00pm—

Thursday: St. Nicholas'

Fridays: No Mass

Weekends:

St. Nicholas'

7.00pm Saturday

10.30 am— Sunday

St. Munchin's College:

12.00 noon Sundays.

Items for newsletter

To be in to

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by Wednesday please.

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Don't Worry



They say a problem shared is a problem halved. 'Don't worry' is one of the most reassuring things that a friend can say. Isn't it a relief when someone assures us there is no need to fret or worry, that everything will be okay? If only for a moment, we can breathe a sigh of relief, take the pressure off ourselves. Even if things are messy now, we dare to hope that all will be well.

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel are very reassuring. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid,' he says. 'My own peace I give you.'

Jesus was speaking these words to his disciples shortly before his Passion and death. He knew the time was coming for him to leave them. All was certainly not well, and his disciples surely knew that some difficult times were ahead. But Jesus was offering hope and consolation. Don't worry, he says. I am giving you the gift of peace, a peace the world cannot give. Don't be afraid. The Holy Spirit will be with you to guide you and teach you. When our hearts are troubled and restless, let us reach for these words of Jesus.

'You have formed us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in you.'

St Augustine of Hippo.

Triona Doherty

Feasts this Week

Mon 2nd: St Athanasius

Tues 3rd: Sts Philip & James

Wed 4th: St. Conleth

Thurs 5th: Bl Edmund

Ignatius Rice

Fri 6th: St. Dominic

Savio

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Patricia McGurran and family, Mill Road, on the recent death of her mother, Mary Casserly, North Circular road.

To Jack O'Brien and family, Meadowbrook, Mill Road on the recent death of his wife Mary.

May they rest in peace



First Holy Communion

This Sunday we welcome Ms McKenna's and Mrs. Gloster's class as they receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

May it be a special day for you in every way.



There will not be a morning mass this Bank Holiday Monday. Mass as normal for the rest of the week.

Next Baptism meeting:
Thursday 26 May.
Make arrangements with Fr. Derek.

McAuley Conference

Thursday, 5th and Friday, 6th of May 2016

'ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION, POLICY AND SPIRITUALITY: CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME' Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

This year the McAuley Conference will explore some of the key concerns of Laudato Si in an inter-disciplinary context, drawing on the expertise of environmental scientist, philosophers, theologians, teachers, policy makers and practitioners. It will be of particular interest to teachers and anyone concerned about environmental protection.

For further information, please contact Ms. Deirdre Franklin, Mary Immaculate College, at 061 204507 or email address: deirdre.franklin@mic.ul.ie

Meditation

Quiet meditation on Tuesday mornings at 3 Oakton Road, Salesian Sisters home. Time: **10.30am-11.00am**. You are very welcome to join us.

AL ANON (Family group meetings in limerick)

Monday 8.30pm Reparation Convent, Laurel Hill Avenue, South Circular Road.

Tuesday 11.00am Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street.

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Friday 11.00am Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street.

The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend' -

Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital—, Baby Martin, Dan, Margaret, Tony, Marie, John, Brian, Muirinn, Helen, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Bridgid, Paddy, Michael, Michelle, Eric, Kate, Baby Reuben, Precious, Vera, Frank, Bridget, Dymrna, Pat, Brigid, Sean and John. Let us pray for those, facing surgery & tests, all in nursing homes, and all who care for our sick at this time.



LIMERICK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY Sept 28th – Oct 2nd 2016

Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy

Cost: €799

Phone 057 93 55050 or go

to www.cuturalconnections.eu



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 back of St. Nicholas'. It is a haven of peace, prayer and quiet.

24hr Adoration 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.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will hold their Annual National Tea Day Fundraiser on Thursday 5th May 2016. Tea will be served in the Augustinian Church, O'Connell St. from 10.00 a.m. and also in Bobby Byrnes O'Connell Ave. Tea will also be served in our Daycare Centre in Garryowen from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Collections will be made in various shopping centres throughout the city and also in the streets. All donations will be greatly appreciated. All money raised locally stays locally.

Please take home a copy of this newsletter. We encourage you to avail of it to promote upcoming events,

Parish Office opening hours

In St. Nicholas Church. For certificates, enquiries etc: Tuesday : 2pm - 4pm

Thursday : 9:30am - 12:30am. Parish office number is: 341300

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This pilgrimage takes place every year from June 21st to June 26th, with direct flights from Shannon airport. The Lourdes Office can be contacted at the Social Service Centre, Henry Street, Limerick. Tel. 061-314111. Director : Very Rev. Donal McNamara, PP St Munchin's, Tel. 061 455635/ mail: donalmcnamara@hotmail.com

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential.

The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

Concert in St. Joseph's Church

The Annual Queen of the May Concert will take place in St Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick on Thursday, May 12th, starting at 8.00pm sharp.

The event, which will raise funds for St Joseph's Church Restoration Fund and for the Limerick Branch of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, will feature local tenor Michael Nash, Owen Gilhooly Tenor, sopranos Eve Stafford and Sinead Fitzpatrick, Friends of the Dolmen String Quartet,

Tickets are €10 each and can be purchased from St Joseph's church (061)313401, from the Limerick Alzheimer Society (061)313456/312605 or call 087-2318631/086-2398935. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night

Bring flowers of the Rarest

bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue
Sing gaily in chorus;
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating