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St Nicholas Parish News  
**PENTECOST**  
Sunday May 23rd 2015  
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**PENTECOST**

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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: Liturgy of the Word

with Holy Communion. St.

Nicholas'

**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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**Feasts this Week**

**May**

**Mon 25th** St Bede

**Tues** St Phillip Neri

**Wed 27th** St Augustine

**Fri 29th**

Bl. Joseph Kowalski

**Church Bulletin Blooper**

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

**Readers for next weekend**

**Sat: 7.00pm:**

Tracy English

Michael Cooke



**Sun: 10.30am:**

First Communion Children

**12.00:** N Mullane / M Ahern

This week is the culmination of a challenging few weeks for us in Ireland. As we move into the wonderful celebration of Pentecost, let us bring all the people of this island into our prayers. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to bless each and every person, as God wills, so that the love of God will be evident in our lives and our land.

When was the last time that we heard the wind of your Spirit roar through this place? When was the last time your fire lit up this room? When was the last time we took you at your word and met together in expectation of your Spirit filling this place and these lives with your Glory and Power?

Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost. Do we believe that this was a once in eternity experience never to be repeated? That the Holy Spirit was poured out on your followers for a single purpose and ended His work at that instant? If so, then maybe that is why the Church seems so powerless in this age helpless when faced with the needs both spiritual and physical that we see in the world. Lord, as we meet together and celebrate once again the memory of that first Pentecost. May it be for us as it was then a moment of empowerment an awareness of your Glory in this dark world a life changing experience.

We light a candle and enjoy the flickering light the fragrance and warmth it creates.

But without the spark that ignites there will be no flame Without the wax the source of power the wick will not burn. Without the flame there will be no fragrance no warmth, no light. And so with us, Lord you are the catalyst that ignites us and the fuel that sustains us. You fill us with your fragrance as you enter our lives. You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts To be the fragrance, warmth and light of your love in this dark world

**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: help 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 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*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Let us pray for those each day who are sick at he or in hospital John, Johnny, Tony, Noel, Pat, Marie, Brian, Mhuireann, Jean, Orla, Ciara, Rita, Baby Reuben, Michael, Vera, Brian, Frank, Bridget, Anne, Olive, Breda, Geraldine, Kathleen, Alan Martyn Michael, Pat, David, Anthony, Ann, Maureen, Teresa, Kathleen, Hugh, Noel and Patrick.

We pray for all our parishioners who suffer illness and sickness at this time. We pray for those in nursing homes, and all carers. If you would like a sick relative or friend mentioned, Contact: Dympna 348510 / John 346664

**Mass Rocks Exam Mass**

This will take place on Sunday 30th May at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre, O'Connell Ave., Limerick. We will be praying especially for exam students and their families. We know that this is a stressful time for you and we also know you may be too busy studying to attend, but we want you to know that you are being thought of.

Expect to feel a surge of intelligence and power about 8pm onwards!

Also feel free to send us your name and we will put it into a basket and ask people to take a name and pray for that person during the course of the exams.

It will be a bit like the FA Cup draw but unlike other draws you can enter your name as often as you like!!!

*NB: All youth ministry events require application and consent forms (for under and for over 18) which you can download from the Muintearas Íosa Facebook page.*

### Parish Facebook

Why not check it out at [https:// www.facebook.com/ Saintnicholasparish](https://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish) We would be delighted to receive any photos or suggestions You would like included on our page

**Parish Office** The parish office will be open each Wednesday from 2.00—4.00pm and Thursday 9.30—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**

**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

### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:

June 21st—26th. Details from Poster on notice board. SacredSpace102fm is a West Limerick Radio religious program. It offers inspirational interviews, resources, information and saints feast days every single week. 10am-11am Sunday mornings and 11pm-12pm on Sunday.

### There is no excuse for Elder Abuse

If you know of somebody who is being abused Call: HSE Information Line: 1850 24 1850

### The Poor Clares

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting Monastic Experience Day on Saturday 20th June from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. To book a place Contact: [poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com)

### First Communion:

Last Sunday we welcomed Mr Maguire's class as they came to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. This Sunday we welcome Mr Copley's class. Let us pray for these little children and their families that this will be but the beginning of a life long friendship with Jesus.



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### Prayer before Exams

Dear Jesus, I place my trust in you as I prepare for my exams. May my mind be calm, my body rested and my spirit inspired. Give me peace and assurance that I will do the best I can. Keep me serene. May I be honest so as to give a true account of what I have learned. Help me do my best and trust in You. Help me to be confident in the knowledge that no matter what happens you are there with me.

May Mary, my mother and the Mother of Jesus protect and guide me in all my life choices. Amen.

One Sunday after the priest had preached a vigorous sermon, he was met by a little old lady at the door who said, "You know Father, every sermon you preach is better than your next

### Meditation

On Tuesday mornings 10.30-11.00. Salesian Sisters home. All welcome

### Vocations

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life 2nd Thursday of month 7.30—8.30p.m. in our Adoration Chapel.

### St Nicholas Family Day



The Parish family day will take place on **Sunday**, June 14th in the grounds of St Nicholas church, Westbury.

It is open to all and will include Bouncing castle, obstacle course, mobile zoo, barbeque and much more.

We will not be charging for this event but if any local business would like to sponsor part of this day, we would really appreciate the help in alleviating the cost.

We will also be looking for the help of our neighbours and parishioners as volunteers to make this a fun and safe day.

### Defibrillator Training

The Defibrillator Training for Parishioners who have signed up will take place on Saturday morning, **June 6th** at 9:30am. Please talk to Fr. Derek if You are interested

### Lough Derg

Lough Derg is a place of welcome where no one is judged and everyone is equal. You can begin your three Day Pilgrimage on any day from 29th May until 13th August. No need to book.

Daily boats to the Island from 10.30am until 3:00pm 7 days a week until 13th August.

Regular pilgrimages throughout the season country wide.

Contact Maureen or Lorraine in Lough Derg direct on 071 9861518 email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) <<mailto:info@loughderg.org>>

### Bible Reading Group

The next meeting of those who are reading the bible in a year, will take place **this Monday, May 25th** at 8pm in the Parish Centre, St.Nicholas church.

### Camino Walk

There will be a meeting for all pilgrims who are travelling on our Parish Camino Walk on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:30pm in our parish Centre, St Nicholas Church, Westbury

### LSSC Counselling Project

Last year the Counselling Project at Limerick Social Services Council worked with over 850 people from Abbeyfeale, Kilmallock, Newcastle West, Rathkeale Limerick City and beyond. We do so quietly and with respect for the depression, stress, bereavement and relationship difficulties that people faced and we aim to keep doing it. If you want more information or wish to enquire about our project, please contact our Centre on 061-314111.

### Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

Takes place Every **Friday 7.00pm** in our prayer chapel. Everybody welcome.