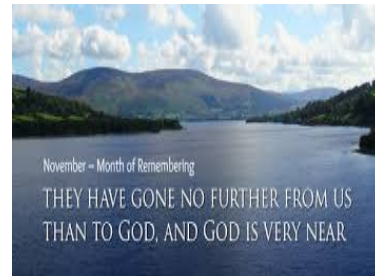




NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

St Nicholas Parish News
31st Sunday of the Year
November 2nd 2014

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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.

E-mail:

stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Feasts this Week

November

Mon 3rd

St Malachy (Armagh)

Tues 4th

St Charles Borromeo

Thurs 6th

All Saints of Ireland.

Readers for next weekend

Sat: 7.00pm:

Brid Moran / Mary O Donohue

Sun: 10.30am:

Siobhan Leahy

Emily Hill

12.00:

P Cronin / F Quillinan



The holy souls in Purgatory are our friends. If everyone had to adopt a holy soul to pray for, Purgatory would be emptied in no time.

Trocaire "Ebola Crisis"

Almost 9,000 people in West Africa have been infected with the Ebola virus, with approximately 4,500 people having died. The three most affected countries are Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. Over 3,000 cases have been identified in Sierra Leone, with the virus present in all districts where Trócaire works.

We are helping to provide food and non-food items to people in quarantined households. We are funding our response through a combination of existing funds, donations from supporters to our 'Ebola Crisis' fund and grants from institutional donors. The epidemic is having a knock-on effect on healthcare more generally: people aren't seeking treatment for other serious illnesses like malaria, because they're afraid of being infected with Ebola.

Ebola is affecting every aspect of people's lives, and it's forcing communities further into poverty. Families can't afford food, schools are closed, travel restrictions are in place, and people live in perpetual fear.

People in Ireland can support the work of Trocaire by donating on trocaire.org or by phoning 1850 408 408 (RoI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI).

A Prayer for those affected by Ebola

God of Mercy, Bless those who are affected with the infirmity of Ebola.

God of Peace, Ease the hearts and minds of communities and families unnerved by their loved ones sickness or passing.

God of Care, Bless the determination and courage of all Missionaries, Health-care workers and Aid workers who risk their lives for the love of their brothers and sisters in need.

God of Healing, whose son Jesus Christ healed the blind, the lame and the sick, we ask you to lay your curing hands on those who are suffering.

God of Enlightenment, help us to act as agents of Education, Comfort and Recovery to this crises facing our world.

God of Hope, Deliver us from every evil and grant us peace in our day and instil in us a spirit of resilience and endurance at this time. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen



REMEMBERING OUR DEAD



In November, our thoughts often turn to the dead. This is not, as it may seem, a morbid thought. Quite the opposite in fact. For in calling to mind those who have gone before us, we remember them. We reflect on how we shared in the journey of their lives, through moments of joy, moments of sadness, moments of despair and moments of hope. Remembering can bring life.

Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to pray for those each day who are sick at home or in hospital—

Ted, Brian, Mhuireann, Vincent, Jean Orla, Ciara, Baby Reuben, Dermot, Michael, Vera, Brian, Frank, Bridget, Anne, Paddy, Olive, Breda, Geraldine, Kathleen, Michael, Pat, David, Anthony, Ann, Maureen & Patrick.

Let us pray for those in nursing homes, and all carers.

If you would like a sick relative or friend mentioned, contact: Dympna 348510 John 346664

Baptism Notice

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give Fr Derek 1 months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd weekend and 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6 00pm Saturday evening in St Nicholas, Westbury. Sunday 1.00pm in St Munchins College Chapel (On the grounds of St Munchin's College Just down the road). Preparation meetings for baptisms will be held on the following dates: Thursday 2nd October. Thursday 30th October. Thursday 4th Dec.

Hospital Visitation :

If You have a family member or neighbour who is in hospital and would like a visit from Fr Derek, please call into the Sacristy and write their details into the Parish Hospital Visitation book.

Confirmation

Training for the leaders of the You Shall be My Witnesses programme took Place in October . Programme with the Confirmation children will begin on Tuesday 4 November and continue for each of the 4 Tuesdays ending on 25th.



The Bridge Programme

This is being offered to parents of younger children providing ideas for building faith in the family. Sr. Kathleen facilitated the first meeting on Wednesday morning last. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 November in our Parish Centre. Further details from Sr. Kathleen 348510.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Eucharistic Ministers

Training for new Eucharistic Ministers is coming up soon. If anyone wishes to be a Eucharistic Minister here in our parish contact Fr. Derek

Seminar: Recent dialogue and discussion on the questions of ministry, mission and service have prompted many questions about the theological understanding of the role of lay people in the Church. To this end the Diocese of Killaloe and Limerick are jointly hosting a seminar which will explore these topics under the title "The Priesthood of All the Baptised."

The speaker will be Paul Philibert O.P., a Dominican priest from the United States. This seminar would be of interest to anybody striving to understand more deeply the mission of all the baptised in the modern world and today's Church. The seminar will take place on Wednesday 12th November in the Bunratty Castle Hotel from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Bookings can be made to Karen Kiely at 061 315856 or karen@ldo.ie

Liturgy Services

As Fr. Derek will be away in Ethiopia this week , working with Trocaire ,services of liturgy of the Word with Communion will take place in St. Munchin's College Chapel and st. Nicholas church on weekdays in place of mass. Mass will be celebrated as normal on the weekend.

Volunteer Overseas next Summer with SERVE:

Are you interested in volunteering overseas next summer for a month or do you know someone that might be? SERVE is an Irish development organisation, which works in partnership with the Redemptorists to support vulnerable communities in the developing world. Further info: 091-781231 or www.serve.ie

Vides Ireland: Interested in Volunteering? If any person between 20 and 40 years of age would like to experience life on the Missions for at least six weeks or longer, next Summer please contact Sr. Dymna, who co-ordinates VIDES Ireland—an NGO developed by the Salesian Sisters to offer young people an opportunity to experience life in a Third World country. Missions in Zambia and India would love Irish volunteers.



Parish Office opening hours

In St. Nicholas Church. For certificates, enquiries etc:
Tuesday : 10:30am - 11:30am Wednesday : 2pm - 4pm
Thursday : 9:30am - 12:30am Parish office number is: 341300

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November Envelopes for our Dead

Will be distributed in the coming days. Thanks to all our faithful distributors for your continued commitment to this role. Your work is greatly appreciated. New volunteers Always welcome particularly for Corbally Road.



Pallottine Retreat Centre.

November 7th – 9th: Silent Retreat – Fr. Eamonn Monson SAC
Silence, Prayer, Scripture, Mass, Healing Service...
November 21st – 23rd: Nourishing our Spiritual Lives – Thady O'Connor.

December 5th – 7th: Advent Retreat "Prepare The Way Of The Lord" [Isaiah 40:3] – Frances Hogan

December 19th – 21st Intergenerational Healing Retreat with Fr. Emmet O'Hara SAC

Weekend Retreats cost €140. To book contact: Pallottine Retreat Centre, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. Ph: [087-7542116](tel:087-7542116).

Last weeks collection came to:..... €1,200-80

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Please take home a copy of this newsletter. We encourage you to avail of it to promote upcoming events, let us know if someone needs prayers etc.

Feed My Sheep

A farmer turns up to a prayer service and discovers that he and the priest are the only people there. "What shall we do?", asks the priest.
"If I go out to feed my sheep and only one turns up, I feed her", said the farmer.
So after four hymns, two readings, a fifteen minute sermon and various prayers the service ends. "If I go to feed my sheep and only one turns up, I feed her", said the farmer, "but I don't give her the whole bag".

What does daddy ghost say to his family when driving? Fasten your sheet belts...

