



St. Nicholas' Parish News
30th Sunday of the Year
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Mass times:

Morning Mass Mon, Tues & Wed at 9.45 in St. Munchin's College Chapel

Thursdays: 7.00p.m.
Fridays 7.00p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Weekends:

St. Nicholas'
7.00pm Saturday
10.30 am— Sunday
St. Munchin's College:
12.00noon Sundays.

Items for newsletter

to be in to
John 085 7406822
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by **Wednesday morning** .
E-mail:
stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

Feasts this week:

Mon 27th: St. Otteran
Tues 28th: SS Simon & Jude
Wed 29th: Bl. Michael Rua
Fri 31st: Bl. Dominic Collins

Last week's collection:

Last weekend: €1,044.35
Missions Collection: €540

Thank You for your generosity

Readers next weekend:

Sat: 7pm: Celine Holland
Michael Cooke
Sun: 10.30: Mary Kelly
Emmett Fitzgerald
12.00: Jim Clancy
Ide Mullane

Further notices on notice-board

Selfless Saints

Various figures down through the ages have become synonymous with selfless love – Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Oscar Romero, St Damian of Molokai, St Don Bosco, St Maximilian Kolbe... the list goes on. They were people who gave up everything to help others, often suffering greatly themselves in the process. They were those rare human beings who truly lived out the familiar, yet challenging instruction to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. I recently came across the story of St Josephine Margaret Bakhita of Sudan, who was kidnapped as a young woman and spent many years as a slave. Asked once 'What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?', she responded: 'If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today.' During illness in her later years, when a visitor would ask how she was, she would reply 'As the Master desires'. Her words display a deep understanding of the two greatest commandments, to love God with all your heart, and to love your neighbour as yourself. The God who speaks in today's First Reading is a God 'full of pity' who hears the cry of the poor and vulnerable. Many of the saints down through the ages echoed this love in their service of others. Reading about the lives of the saints might no longer be fashionable, but there is so much we can learn. *Triona Doherty*

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council (meet on 2nd Monday of each month) members are: Fr. Derek, John Dundon, Maurice Carr, Jo O'Brien, Sr. Kathleen, Karen Burkley, Tony Noonan, Georgina Thornton, Sr. Dympna, and our newest members: Clodagh Cremin, Leo Van Dam, Melissa Nolan and Maurice Quillinan. Issues that were raised at our annual Assembly will be taken up at future meetings.

Opening a Door on the Bible

A series of workshops to understand the Bible in the context of our lives, our prayer and our world will begin in St Saviours Dominican Priory on Saturday 25 October 2014. 10am –1.00pm. The workshops, eight in all, will continue until May 2015. Enquiries: Phone: 061 412 333, email: limerickop@gmail.com



Interesting Programme on Mission

If you missed last **Friday's Nationwide on RTE** it is a worth a watch on the RTE Player for two Church stories: One on mission and the second on the Irish Church Music Association Summer School in Maynooth. Just click here to view: <http://www.rte.ie/player/ie>



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.



Confirmation

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



Meditation

Quiet meditation on Tuesday mornings in 3 Oakton Road, Salesian Srs. Home.

Healing Mass

Our monthly Mass of healing and consolation will be on Thursday 30 October at 7.00pm. This Mass will be in St. Nicholas' Church and all are welcome as we pray together for healing, comfort and strength.

New Life in the Spirit Seminars

Speaker this week: Sr. Mary Bridget Dunlea
For more information please contact: Rachel 085 2662556

Baptism

Anyone wishing to have their Baby Baptised please give Fr. Derek at least one month's notice. Baptisms take place the 2nd and 4th weekend of each month on - Saturday evening at 6pm in St. Nicholas Parish church or Sunday at 1pm in St. Munchin's College Chapel. Baptism preparatory meetings are held the last Thursday of each month. The next meeting takes place on Thursday 30th October at 7.30 in St Nicholas Church.

Sarsfield Credit Union

On Tuesday 4 November there will be Holy mass to commemorate their deceased members. Time 7.15p.m. All welcome

Adoration:

Our 24 hour Adoration every Thursday following 7.00pm mass, to Friday 7.00 pm. Please feel free to come to our adoration Chapel, for a short or long period at any time. All Welcome

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

Words for Teenagers

The following words are from a judge who regularly deals with youth: "Always we hear the cry from teenagers, 'What can we do, where can we go?'

My answer is this: Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, learn to cook, build a raft, get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons and after you've finished, read a book. Your town does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents do not owe you fun.

"The world does not owe you a living, you owe the world something. You owe it your time, energy and talent, so that no one will be at war, in sickness and lonely again.

In other words grow up, stop being a cry baby, get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone. Start behaving like a responsible person. You are important and you are needed. It's too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday. Someday is now and that somebody is you."

Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Ted, Tony, Brian, Muireann, 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.

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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.

November Month of the Holy Souls

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this prayerful act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise! Take the SHORT-TERM pledge for NOVEMBER

www.pioneerassociation.ie

Parish Office beside St. Nicholas Church

Opening hours

for certs, enquiries etc.:

Tuesday : 10:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday : 2pm - 4pm

Thursday : 9:30am - 12:30am

Parish office number is: 341300

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.



8 hours of free computer training

As new or former students of the FIT Government Computer Training program you are entitled to 8 hrs free computer training We are tailoring these sessions to Beginners & Intermediate Students If you are interested please call Geraldine on 087-7534458 for more information as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Certificate in recognition of completion of digital skills training.

Halloween

As we approach Halloween People are expressing real concern about Halloween and the lead up to it. For many this can be a very frightening and lonely time. We remind parents to be aware at all times of the whereabouts of their children and who they are with. Talk to them about consideration for others, particularly our older community members and those who live alone. We also appeal to parents of the young people who loiter on the church grounds to talk to them about respect for property and the environment. Also to remind them that animals get very frightened with fire crackers etc. at this time.

THINK and make it an enjoyable Halloween for everybody.



Samaritans

The Samaritans are available, at any hour of the day or night, to befriend those passing through personal crisis and in imminent danger. 20 Barrington St. Tel: 1850 609090

Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend church in our parish might also welcome it. We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events etc.

What did the ghost teacher say to her class?



"Watch the board and I'll go through it again..."