



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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Pentecost Sunday

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10.30 am – Sunday

St Munchin's College

12 noon – Sunday

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Please feel free to take home a copy of this news-letter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend

church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc.

Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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THE DEEP END: Bursting with Joy

Have you seen the film *The Greatest Showman* that came out earlier this year? Its soundtrack boasts a number of musical gems, from fun, catchy numbers to more rousing and powerful ballads. I was struck by a video I saw online of a read-through session before filming began. The film's star, Hugh Jackman, had recently had surgery on his nose and was under strict medical orders not to sing. So instead, the director instructs him to stand in the right place, and act and gesticulate at all the appropriate moments. However, during the final song, he can't stand it anymore. The music seems to take hold of him, and he bursts into song. The atmosphere in the room changes immediately, with musicians and singers joyfully joining in. It's a powerful moment, and the video is well worth a watch. The name of the song is 'From Now On', and in the film it marks a major transformation for Jackman's character, when the scales fall from his eyes and he sees clearly the changes he needs to make to live a better life.

I like to think that magical moments such as this capture something of what the apostles must have experienced at Pentecost. The powerful wind, the tongues of fire, the palpable and overwhelming presence of God stir something in the apostles. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they are unable to hold in their joy and enthusiasm. How are we moved by the Spirit?

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MUSINGS

Families, come to me and I will give you rest

Dear families, the Lord knows our struggles: he knows them. He knows the burdens we have in our lives. But the Lord also knows our great desire to find joy and rest! Do you remember? Jesus said, '... that your joy may be complete' (cf. Jn 15:11). Jesus wants our joy to be complete! He said this to the Apostles and today he says it to us. Here, then, is the first thing I would like to share with you, and it is a saying of Jesus: Come to me, families from around the world - Jesus says - and I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete. Take home this Word of Jesus, carry it in your hearts, share it with the family. It invites us to come to Jesus so that he may give this joy to us and to everyone.

Pope Francis, Address on 26 October 2013

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.

Scoil Ide Parents Council Fun Quiz Night

Our annual Table Quiz Fundraiser is on Thursday 24th May in O'Driscoll's Lounge at 8.30pm

A fun night not to be missed! Tables of 4 cost €40

Raffle on the Night with Prizes galore!

Your support would be much appreciated.



Fun Events



Parish Office Opening hours. Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—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

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 9.30am to 6.00pm each day. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.



Baptism

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6.00pm Saturday evening St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, "fiftieth"). It is also called Whitsun.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the Church's mission to the world.

Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is a happy festival. Ministers in church often wear robes with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth. Hymns sung at Pentecost take the Holy Spirit as their theme.

Pentecost Symbols

The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove.

The first Pentecost

Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them.

It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire.

The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.

That day, about 3,000 people became followers of Jesus and were baptised. They spent the rest of their time in Jerusalem learning all about Jesus from the Apostles before returning home. And the Apostles continued to meet together to pray.

AGE ACTION - CALL FOR VOLUNTEER TUTORS

Age Action is looking to start beginner/refresher computer classes in Dooradoyle Library for older learners (55+). These classes aim to help older people become comfortable using computers, laptops etc. and the internet. Tutoring is generally done on a 1:1 basis and all involved find the classes rewarding and fun.

Fluent English and strong basic computer/ laptop/ tablet/ smartphone skills are required, but patience and good humour are just as important! Tutor Training provided. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, please contact Helen Murray (Age Action) for more information: Email: helen.murray@ageaction.ie



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 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 E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. John.085 7406822 Maura. 086 0429952

HEALING MASS

Our monthly healing mass for May is at 7pm on Thursday 31st May in St Nicholas church. All welcome.



Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Pentecost Healing Retreat on today, Sunday, 20th May, 2018 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. John Mockler, Limerick and Lay Speaker Jomon Joseph, Voice of Peace. All welcome.

Upcoming talk about Teenagers Tuesday 22nd May 2018

John Lonergan (Former Governor of Mountjoy Prison) and Helga O'Mahony (Psychologist)

"How to Talk so Teenagers will listen and
"How to Listen so Teenagers will Talk"

Venue: Na Piarasigh GAA Hall, Caherdavin, Limerick

Date: Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Admission: €10.00 per person

ALL WELCOME (For further information contact Bridget on 085 2330513)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WMOF - DEADLINE 31ST MAY

Up to 10,000 volunteers are needed around the events in August. The cut-off date for expressions of interest on volunteering is the end of this month - 31st May.

Here is the link for everything to do with volunteering:

<https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer>

ADAPT House

The annual churchgate collection for ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services takes place at Masses on 26-27 May. ADAPT supports women and children affected by domestic abuse in Limerick City & County. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.