

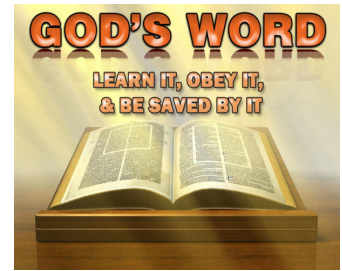


## St Nicholas Parish News 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25th 2016

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**Mass times:** Weekdays:  
**9.45am.** Mon, Tues. & Wed.

**St Munchin's College**  
Thurs & Fri. **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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**Feasts this Week**

**September**

**Mon 26th**

SS Cosmas & Damian

**Tues 27th**

St Vincent De Paul

**Wed 28th**

St Lawrence Ruiz & Comp.

**Thurs 29th**

SS Michael, Gabriel &

Raphael.

**Fri 30th**

St Jerome

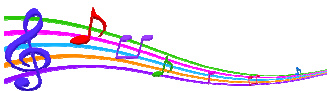
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a copy of this newsletter. If

you decide otherwise, please

leave it on the table at the

exit on your way out.

Thank you



**St. Munchin's College  
Chapel Choir**

Are now looking for men to  
enhance their choir. If You  
are interested, contact their  
MD. John Mc Glynn  
at 085 7406822 -061 345368

### Background on today's Gospel Reading

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die.

Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

### International Summit

Compassionate Limerick is set to host the first International Compassionate Cities Summit on 7th October 2016 at the Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick.

The International Compassionate Cities Summit is a day for the people to come together and interact with Milford Care Centres Compassionate Communities Project.

This inspiring project has touched the lives of many people in the Mid-West through its community Café Conversations, the Good Neighbour Partnership and the seed grants awarded to community initiatives that encourage people to talk more openly about illness, death and bereavement.

The summit is open to everyone, and promises to be an inspiring and interactive event. There will be music, art, plays, question and answers and of a death café, plus lunch will be provided. As well as some keynote speakers from Spain, the UK, India and Ireland who have a passion not only for palliative care but the importance of communities.

The International Summit is supported by the All Ireland Institute for Hospice and Palliative Care, The Irish Cancer Society, Maynooth University and The Irish Hospice Foundation.

Further information and registration (just 25 euro includes lunch) is available through Milford Care Centre's website: [www.milfordcarecentre.ie/summit2016](http://www.milfordcarecentre.ie/summit2016)

### Parish Mission

St Nicholas Parish Mission will take place on the last week in September, beginning on September 25th. It will be led by the St. Patrick's Community.

*What is Parish Mission?* It is a time to come together, to reflect on our lives in the light of the Gospel, to celebrate our faith and deepen our sense of belonging to our St Nicholas Parish Community. We hope You can join us.

### Vocations

God still calls imperfect people and appoints them to work in his service. If you believe God is asking you to assist him in this great work why not call: Fr. Leslie McNamara (Limerick Diocesan Vocations Director) at 061-414624 or 087-202-8189 or mailto:

[lesliemcnamara@eircom.net](mailto:lesliemcnamara@eircom.net) to discern whether or not you may have a vocation.

### Prayer:

Lord, we pray for all those making plans for their lives; may they be open to hearing your call to priesthood and religious life.

Amen

## Remembering our Sick

Let us continue to remember in our prayer each day those who are sick at home or in hospital— Baby Tommy, Baby Martin, Dan, Margaret, Tony, Marie, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Rita, Brigid, Paddy, Michael, Eric, Kate, Baby Reuben, Vera, Frank, Bridget, Dymna, Breda, Pat, Ann, Brigid, Sean and John. Let us pray for those, facing surgery & tests, in nursing homes, and all who care for our sick. To all our sick family members friends and parishioners—we assure you of our prayers at this time.



## Parteen/St Nicholas GAA Lotto Draw:

Winning No's **11-13-20-30** No winner of this week's jackpot worth €20,000. The six lucky dip winners were: Colm, John Joe, Ray, Seamus, C/O Dagers. Emmett Keily, C/O Larkins. Maureen Wheelan, Edenderry. Bobby O'Connell, Ballycar. Angela Nash, Ardnacrusha. Tony Jordan, Westbury.

## Baptism Notice

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Contact Linda in the parish office Tuesdays. 2-4p.m. or Thursdays 9.30a.m.– 12.30p.m. Tel. 341300. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. **Times:** 6.00pm Saturday evening in St Nicholas church or Sunday 1.00p.m. in St Munchin's College Chapel. ( In the boys secondary school on Corbally Road) The next preparation meeting for baptism will take place on Thursday 27th October.

**Sympathy:** We offer our deepest sympathy to Marcella Mc Elligot, Spring Grove, Mill Road, on the recent death of her brother, John Francis Doherty, Bellmullet, Co Mayo. **May he rest in Peace.** ✝

## 25th Anniversary Parish Social

Our Parish Social will take place on Friday, October 21st from 8:30pm in the Absolute Hotel. Tickets are €15 each and will include band, Dj, finger food and fun and games. Tickets are on sale at all masses on the weekend of October 2nd and entry on the night is strictly by ticket only.

## Day For Life

As you know, the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales join together annually to celebrate the Day for Life, a day instigated by St John Paul II, dedicated to celebrating the sanctity of human life from its very beginning to its natural end. Day for Life will take place on Sunday 2nd October and the theme for this year's Day for Life is: "Everything is Connected." For info call Stephanie on 061-315856 or Email: [Stephanie@ldo.ie](mailto:Stephanie@ldo.ie)

## Exercise Classes for Older Adults.

OSTEOFIT classes continue in Westbury on Wednesdays from 2pm. If you are in your 60s 70s or 80s and would like to participate in exercise classes in your area OSTEOFIT classes might be of interest to you. OSTEOFIT group exercise classes are specially designed for both men and women in this age group and aim to maintain bone density, improve strength and flexibility, improve balance and reduce the risk of falling. Visit [www.osteofit.ie](http://www.osteofit.ie) for more information. OSTEOFIT will be in St. Nicholas Parish Hall in Westbury at 2pm on Wednesdays. Your first trial class is complimentary and then you pay €8 per session. There is no commitment from you. You come along whenever you can. Newcomers are welcome at any time. Contact Brenda on 087 2255676.

A little boy got on the elevator in the Empire State Building in New York. He and his daddy started to the top. The boy watched the signs flashing as they went by the floors: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70. They kept going, and he got nervous. He took his daddy's hand and said, "Daddy, does God know we're coming?" 😊

## Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love

24 hour Adoration has resumed— Thursday 7.30pm to Friday 7.00pm. Please feel free to come to our Adoration Chapel, for a short or long period of time.

Our Adoration Chapel in St Nicholas church is open until 6.00pm each day. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him.

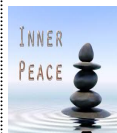


## Parish Office:

The parish office open on Tuesday from 2—4pm Thursday 9.30—12.30 for anyone who may need to book Masses, get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Phone: 341300

## Meditation

Tuesdays at 3 Oakton Road. Time: 10.30—11.00 am. If you would like to join this group you will be most welcome. For many this silent half hour is a great source of peace and strength. Further information from Sr. Kathleen 348510



## Corbally Bridge Club

Corbally Bridge Club are looking for new members. They meet on Thursday afternoons in our Parish Centre

## Scouts

To celebrate the 40th year of Scouting in the area. The Scout Group are having a 40th Birthday Party on Sunday 2nd October 2016 at the Scout hall in Shannonbanks from 1 p.m to 5 p.m. approx. All are welcome to this special event especially our former members and their families.



## Retrouvaille a Lifeline for Marriage:

Is your marriage stressed, unloving or cold? Do you feel alone or distant from your spouse? Have you lost the desire to communicate with each other? Do you feel disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so, but want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme can help your marriage. Next programme 7th – 9th October 2016. For information contact Tony & Anne 01 4953536 or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie). COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL

## Children's Choir

Practice takes place every Wednesday 6.30– 7.15 in St. Nicholas' Church. Boys and girls from 1st class upwards are welcome to join us to sing or play an instrument. This choir sings at the 10.30. mass every Sunday.