



St. Nicholas' Parish News  
 24th Sunday of the Year  
 14 September 2014  
**Triumph of the Holy Cross**  
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**Salesian Sisters:**  
 348510

**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  
**Dympna** 348510  
 by **Wednesday morning** .  
 E-mail:  
 stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

**Feasts this week:**

Mon 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows  
 Tues 16th: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian  
 Wed 17th: St. Robert  
 Sat 20th: Korean Martyrs

**Last week's collection:**

Last weekend: €1,1035.50

Thank You for your generosity.

**Readers next weekend:**

Sat: 7pm: Ann Tier  
 Sun: 10.30: Noel Baragry  
 Melissa Baragry  
 12.00: J. Leonard  
 S. Clohessy

Further notices on notice-board  
 Please take home a newsletter to a neighbour

**A divine attribute...**

Ten thousand talents today are estimated to be in the hundreds of millions! So it would be a foolish King who would allow a 'servant' to clock up debt to that mount (you would think!). Even though his debt is completely cancelled, the 'servant' is not so forgiving when it comes to his own household. One denarius would be the equivalent of the wages of a labourer for a day, so one hundred day's wages is a drop in the ocean in comparison. Those who witness these events are 'greatly distressed' and decide to protest. You don't have to look too far today to draw parallels to this parable.

Peter asks a vital question: how many times do you forgive? The answer may disturb some people but it can also liberate us if we allow it to: seventy-times-seven, i.e. an infinite number of times. This might seem idealistic and even ridiculous, but when we think more about it there is no other option.

Without forgiveness we allow bitterness to engulf and torture us; zapping our energy; preventing us from being at peace with ourselves. When we only seek retribution, we enter into chaos.

'To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.. When we forgive evil we do not excuse it, we do not tolerate it, we do not smother it. We call it what it is, let its horror shock and stun and enrage us, and only then do we forgive it.' Lewis B. Smedes *Jane Mellett*



**New Life in the Spirit Seminars**

These commenced here in St. Nicholas' Parish on Wednesday 10 September and will run for 7 weeks.

Each week will deliver specific teaching which will help and encourage a deeper and more personal relationship with Christ and a much fuller life in the Holy Spirit.

Speaker this week: Fr. Derek Leonard

Venue: St. Nicholas' Parish Centre.

Time: 7.30—9.00

For more information please contact:  
 Rachel 085 2662556



**Pastoral Council**

Training for all members old and new this Monday in our Parish Centre. Time: 7.30—9.30

**Meditation**

Quiet meditation on Tuesday mornings in 3 Oakton Road, Salesian Srs. Home.  
 Time: 10.30m—11.00a.m.

**Maranatha prayer Ministry**

invites you for the Healing Retreat, next Sunday 21 September through the ministry of Fr. Michael O'Shea and Patricia Mitchell, Dublin. 3.00pm to 7.30pm at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Tea afterwards in the Hall All welcome

**Remembering our Sick**

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

**Limerick Youth Service is holding a Celebration Evening**

for past and present volunteers, staff and members at the Strand Hotel, Limerick on Friday, 26th September at 7.30pm. The Youth Service is trying to contact past volunteers and people who, in their younger years, were members of LYS clubs. Those interested in attending the celebrations should contact: Dermot Troy, Limerick Youth Service, 5, Lower Glentworth Street, Tel: 061-412444

### 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. Dympna, 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. Training for new volunteers will begin on Saturday 4 October.



### Altar Servers

We are about to train new Altar Servers for the coming year. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please bring him / her along to a meeting on Thursday 18 September at 7.30p.m., In St Nicholas Church.  
Sr. Kathleen 087 2120880  
Maura 087 9576148



### Healing Mass

Our monthly Mass of healing and consolation will be on Thursday 25 September at 7.00pm. This Mass will be in St. Nicholas' Church and all are welcome as we pray together for healing, comfort and strength.

### Corbally Stage School DANCE - SINGING - DRAMA

For girls from 5—14 years  
Ard Scoil Mhuire  
(Across from Grove Island)  
**Time:** Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm.  
Term starts Wed. 17th September.  
To enrol or re-enrol call or text: Linda, Cathy or Anne Mc Glynn.  
086 6601247 /086 1073241 Email: Corbally stageschool@gmail.com



### Parish Visitation

A meeting for all volunteers will take place Monday 22 September at 7.00p.m. The area being visited next is Shannon Banks. Visiting will begin on Tuesday evening 23rd.

At this meeting we will look at the whole area of being a Welcoming and Hospitable Parish and all ideas welcome. So we ask anyone who is interested in developing this aspect of our parish to come along to this meeting.

**Dympna 348510**

### Parish Choirs

**Children's Choir** practice on Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:15 in St. Nicholas' church. We are always looking for new members boys and girls from 1st class up! Come along on Wednesday and see how much fun we have!! Further details from Maura 0879576148.



**St.Munchin's College Chapel Choir** practice on **Thursdays at 8.00p.m.** (in St Nicholas, Westbury) They would welcome new male members to enhance their choir. If you are interested contact: John 085 7406822

**St. Nicholas' Adult Choir** practice on Wednesdays 8p.m. Would also love new members. Contact: Teddy McCoy

### Scoil Ide—50th Anniversary

To commence our 5th anniversary celebrations, Bishop Brendan Leahy will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving on Friday 19 September at 7.00p.m. in the school hall. All are welcome to attend. The school is hosting an Open Day on Saturday 20 September from 12.00—4.00p.m. You are invited to call in and take a trip down memory lane, find your name in the rolla, locate your confirmation photo and enjoy a stroll through the school. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

### Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a meeting for Eucharistic on Monday 22nd at 8.00p.m. in Parish Centre.

Opening hours for the **Parish office, St. Nicholas Church**  
for certs, enquiries etc.:  
Tuesday : 10:30am - 11:30am  
Wednesday : 2pm - 4pm  
Thursday : 9:30am - 12:30am  
Parish office number is: 341300

**The Camino de Santiago**, also known by the English name Way of St. James, is the name of any of the pilgrimage routes (most commonly the Camino Francés or French route) to the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition has it that the remains of the saint are buried. Many take up this route as a form of spiritual path or retreat, for their spiritual growth We are hoping to organise a week long pilgrimage from the Parish, next September to walk part of the Camino.

This is open to Parishioners or friends from outside the parish.

A meeting will take place this Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm in St. Nicholas Parish centre for all interested

**Irish dancing lessons** for fun fitness and making friends. Classes start mid September on a Thursday in Parteen school at 2.45pm and Scoil Ide at 4.45pm. All ages welcome. Call Sharon on 086 8511460 or [uib-hriain@gmail.com](mailto:uib-hriain@gmail.com) for further details



### Guides, Brownies and Ladybirds will

resume the middle of September. We have over 100 girls involved in guiding with lots more on a waiting list as we are very short of Leaders. If you are 18 yrs or over and are interested in becoming a leader or helping out please contact Bernie on 086 8176794 or Margaret on 087 7995976

**Congratulations** to all who did their **Junior Cert** this Summer and got their results on Wednesday last.

St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Glenworth Street, Limerick presents a short course directed by Sr. Jo O'Donovan: Christians and World Faiths commencing 23 Sept 7.30—9.p.m..