



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 15th July 2018  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**St Munchin's College.**

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

**St Nicholas, Westbury**

7.00pm – Thursday

**Weekends:**

**St Nicholas 7.00pm – Sat.**

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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by Wednesday please.

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**Feast Days July 2018**

**Sun 15**—St. Bonaventure

**Mon 16**—St. Carmen

**Wed 18**—St. Frederick

**Sat 21**—St. Julia

## THE DEEP END: A Better World

Being a follower of Jesus means to be 'sent out'. Our spiritual lives ought to be visible on the outside through our actions and dealings with others. The disciples are sent in twos for companionship but also as a team; one person cannot have all the gifts and there is support in working with another.

We might interpret the many demons that they cast out as all those things in the world that are not of the Spirit, the injustices in our world. Jesus sends the disciples out to work for a better world, to bring more love, compassion and peace to those that they encounter. They go and urge people to repent, to turn around. This is one of the goals of their mission and Jesus' mission: to turn the world around.

Jesus' instructions to shake the dust from their feet when they feel unwelcome may seem harsh at first. We too may fear rejection and when we experience it, it can leave us feeling exhausted and upset. Perhaps the message here is to free ourselves and move on; to not let that disappointment and upset control our lives because if we do, we lose our freedom, it holds us back and it starts to define us. In the midst of that experience, our true mission can become lost. As we prepare to welcome Pope Francis to Ireland, let us go out and bring joy and hope to those we encounter.

'You might be the only gospel which people read.'

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Kind hearts are the gardens

Kind thoughts are the roots

Kind words are the flowers

Kind deeds are the fruits

Take care of your garden and

Keep out the weeds

Fill it with sunshine

Kind words and Kind deeds

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

## MUSINGS

'I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.'

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 57



**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

#### Closed for July and August

The Adoration Chapel is closed for July and August. It will be open again daily until 6pm from September on.

#### 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.

#### Relics of Saint Therese of Lisieux, and of her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin

The Dominican Church, Glentworth St, Limerick will be hosting the relics of Saint Therese of Lisieux, and of her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, on Saturday 18 August, beginning with the 1pm Mass. Blessing of roses, veneration of relics, and reflections by the Dominicans will follow, with sung Vespers concluding the event at 5pm.



#### Thought For The Week

*"Near restful waters God leads me, to revive my drooping spirit" ~Psalm 23:2*

The word drought is something we are not used to here in Ireland. In other hot countries like Spain, Portugal and France we have seen what drought could be like but not here at home. The hose pipe ban is definitely a first for us. It is fabulous weather for those on holidays and clearly a very stressful time for farmers with no grass growing for their cattle.

Drought conditions is something that was very familiar to the writers of our scripture readings. As a result water was seen as a very precious commodity. God and spirituality was often compared to water. Without God in our lives it was like a drought and with God it was like being next to a running stream bursting with life and energy. The writers used the contrast to great effect and one that the people could connect with as well. The same invitation is extended to us today too. We are invited to refresh, recharge and refresh near whatever streams of spirituality that work for us.

James McSweeney  
<http://www.todayismygifttoyou.ie>

#### Masses for Summer

There will be no weekday Masses in St Nicholas Parish for July and August. Weekend masses continue as normal. We invite You to join us in St Mary's church for daily mass at 10am.



#### 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 & Mary.

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](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. John.085 7406822 Maura. 086 0429952

#### SACRED SPACE RADIO



*Sacred Space 102fm* is broadcast weekly on WL102fm and includes inspirational music, chat, interviews, what's on locally and not so locally including radio and tv and reflection on the Sunday gospel reading of the day presented by John Keily, Lorraine Buckley, Shane Ambrose, regular panelists and invited guests.

It is broadcast every Sunday morning from 10am to 11am and repeated on Sunday nights between 11pm - 12pm on West Limerick 102fm.

Check out their website <https://sacredspace102.blogspot.com> for lots of interesting bits and pieces!



TOP 5 CATHOLIC APPS



#### The Pope App

Your gateway to the latest news and information on Pope Francis.



#### CNA App

The Catholic News Agency app gives you access to news stories, columns, pictures, videos, etc.



#### iBreviary

An app to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the readings of the day and all Catholic prayers.



#### Catholic Novena

This app gives you a simple, straightforward way to pray a novena.



#### Vatican Insider

A complete information service on the Vatican, the activities of the Pope and the Holy See.