



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 25th February 2018  
Transfiguration Sunday

2nd Sunday in Lent

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### Mass times:

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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### Feastdays— February

Mon 26—St. Alexander

Wed 28—Pope St. Hilary

Thurs 1—St. David of Wales



## THE DEEP END: Transfiguration

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from prayer or spiritual practice. These are really special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These 'aha' moments even move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. This is what is happening to the disciples in today's gospel: a very deep and significant 'aha moment'.

Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an occurrence of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. No doubt these moments of transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths.

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### 'Lord, teach us to pray':

Creating relevant and inspiring parish liturgy for all

Saturday, March 10th 2018

Rathkeale House Hotel . 9:30-1:30pm

We are all very busy in preparing and leading parish liturgy.

There is so much happening: Sunday Mass, weekday services, funeral prayers, wedding Mass and more. *What is at the heart of it all? What is parish liturgy about and who is it really for?* Join us as we reflect in order to learn!

Ring 061 400133 to book your place. €10 pp

- 9:30 Registration. tea.coffee
- 9:45 Morning Prayer
- 10:00 Dr Anne Francis, Cork: What, and who, is parish liturgy for?
- 11:00 Workshops
  - Planning Holy Week Liturgies 2018. Noirin Lynch, Lmk dioc
  - Lay led liturgy - a reflective review, Maureen Kelly, Killaloe Diocese
  - Funeral Ministry teens - The Cork & Ross parish experience.
- 12:30 Open forum with the workshop leaders and Anne
- 13:00 Closing Liturgy



**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.



### Parish Mass celebrating our International Family

We are very blessed in our Parish to have people from different parts of world living and worshipping with us.

To celebrate this, we will be having an **International Family mass next Sunday, March 4th at 10:30am** in

St Nicholas church, Westbury. This will include readings and prayers of the faithful in different languages.

All are welcome to come along and worship with us. Why not bring along some of your traditional food to share afterwards?

### Evening of discussion on Family in our Parish

We invite You to a Parish discussion on Family on **Thursday, March 8th in the Pastoral Centre beside St. Nicholas Church, Westbury.**

The evening will use engaging short videos, animations and activities to encourage discussion, it will offer families, parishes and wider society an opportunity to think about our vision and hopes for family and marriage, and a chance to rediscover the gift that family is to the world. This is the first night in the "Joy of Love" program in preparation for world meeting of families.

The "Joy of Love" programme will also challenge us to reflect on how we can provide greater support for marriage and family in our local communities. In particular, Pope Francis has asked us to think about support for newly married couples and outreach to families in need.

All are welcome.

### Pro Life Rally Saturday 10th March

Buses going from Limerick to Dublin on Saturday 10th March for the Pro Life Rally to protect the 8th Amendment.

For a seat contact Betty on 085 2044791

**Laughter is the shortest distance between two people**



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

### Confirmation in our parish takes place next Saturday, March 3rd at 10:30am in St Nicholas Church.

We welcome Bishop Brendan and wish all the students from Scoil Ide every luck as they prepare for this Sacrament. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Their confirmation projects are on display around the church

### In memory of Sr. Dympna

An Anniversary Mass will be held in memory of Sr. Dympna Clancy late of our Parish on Saturday 3rd March 2018 at 7pm

**trócaire**  
Working for a just world.

Join Trócaire in support and prayer this Lenten season as the focus is on Kumba and the Koroma family in Freetown, Sierra Leone who were affected by recent landslides in their area. This tragic event cost them their home, possessions, work tools and changed the course of this family's and their community's future forever. For more information please visit [Trocaire's parish page on www.trocaire.org/resources/parishes/lent](http://www.trocaire.org/resources/parishes/lent) and please also pick up your Trócaire box today.

**We need**

**YOU!**



If anyone could come along on Tuesday 27th February from 7pm to help Precious and Mike with sprucing up our Church to make it nice for the upcoming Confirmation, it would be great. The more who come the better. Don't think someone else will do it as then no one would show up!

Bring whatever you can that could help with the cleaning e.g. polish, dusters, hoovers etc.

Thank you in advance for your help!