



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 27th January 2019  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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### Feast days — January

**Mon 28—St. Thomas Aquinas**

**Wed 30— St. Aidan**

**Thurs 31— St. John Bosco**

**Fri 1 Feb— St. Brigid**

### SEEING YOUR LIFE

#### THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

1. The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Read the quotation from Isaiah slowly. Reflect on each line carefully. Which of these images captures something of what Jesus and his message has meant for you?

2. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?

3. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you?

4. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is being fulfilled even as we hear it now. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?

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### THE DEEP END: 'So that you may know the truth'

There is something about the opening sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs one's attention. He is the only Gospel writer to give us information about his purpose and sources. He writes for Theophilus, whose name in Greek suggests 'lover of God'. Theophilus may have been a patron of Luke's, but we can also take this name to mean that Luke writes for all lovers of God, i.e. all of us.

Jesus, 'as was his custom,' attends the service at his local synagogue. It is clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even though he is about to have some serious run-ins with the Jewish religious leaders. This moment is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament, as Jesus sets out his manifesto for ministry. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this passage is being fulfilled as they hear it, his ministry would be one focused on freeing people from various types of oppression. This passage is as relevant in our world today as it was for Jesus' time: people still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. This is not a passage read in the past: it is very much alive, a vision for all to have as Christians and to work out of. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

'Although they heard you, Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you ... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.'

Tony Singleton

Jane Mellett

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### CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool! Eugene.



**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.



**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, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera Ailish, Frank, Ger and 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



**A Memorial Mass** will take place in St. Munchins Church Thomondgate on Saturday 2nd Feb at 12 noon for Fr Pat Goodwin of Oakland California and Thomondgate who died on 7th January.

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**Thanksgiving Prayer**  
by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!



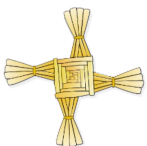
**Milford Hospice 10k Run/ Jog/Walk**  
Sunday 3rd February 2019  
at 11 a.m.

The 10km Run/Jog/Walk will take place on Sunday 3rd February 2019 at the University of Limerick with a **new Start Line (Plaza outside Main Library—Bronze Statue) and start time of 11:00 a.m.** The 10km is open to runners and walkers of all levels and ability with all of the proceeds going directly to Milford Hospice. Participants will then progress along the route, which will be well marshalled, before reaching the finishing point on the UL Sports Arena Track. To register online visit [www.milfordcarecentre.ie](http://www.milfordcarecentre.ie) or you can register on Saturday 2nd February from **12 noon to 3pm** in the Reception of UL Sports Arena. Any queries contact the Fundraising Department Milford Hospice on 061 485859/ 485860. Your support is gratefully appreciated.



We are looking for volunteers to help with the publishing of our parish weekly newsletter. Training & support for the bulletin production will be given to those interested. If you would like to get involved please contact John.

085 7406822 or Maura 086 0429952. The newsletter is used to effectively communicate to our community what is happening within our parish. It is very enjoyable and most rewarding.



**Saint Brigid Hearth Keeper Prayer**

Brigid of the Mantle, encompass us,  
Lady of the Lambs, protect us,  
Keeper of the Hearth, kindle us.  
Beneath your mantle, gather us,  
And restore us to memory.  
Mothers of our mother, Foremothers strong.  
Guide our hands in yours,  
Remind us how to kindle the hearth.  
To keep it bright, to preserve the flame.  
Your hands upon ours, Our hands within yours,  
To kindle the light, Both day and night.  
The Mantle of Brigid about us,  
The Memory of Brigid within us,  
The Protection of Brigid keeping us  
From harm, from ignorance, from heartlessness.  
This day and night,  
From dawn till dark, From dark till dawn.

**Feast Day Friday 1st February**

**Scoil Ide Ace awards** are given to pupils who excel in school life through Attainment, Community Spirit or Effort.

**Well done to our December ACEs:**

- VI: Nolan: Seán Culligan & Milana Bokane
- VI: Heaney: Aisling Farrell & Brian Carr
- VI: Boland: Leah Byrne & Aaron Con-sidine
- VI: Frost: Charlotte Parish & Ben Mc Namara

