



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 29th July 2018  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## THE DEEP END Jesus comes to serve

In John's version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger, the great teacher. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'king' Jesus really is. The crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him king'. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship. His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, he takes himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain. It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus' example of leadership is service in today's gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort, that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

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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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My mom said follow your dreams.

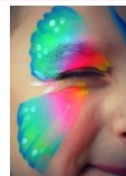
So I went back to bed...



# STREET PARTY



to welcome Pope Francis to Ireland & to launch World Meeting of Families



food, facepainting, music & magic



diocese of limerick  
our catholic community

**3:30 - 6:30 PM** ST. JOHN'S SQUARE, LIMERICK  
followed by 7pm celebration liturgy, St. John's Cathedral

**TUESDAY 21 AUGUST**

All welcome. No admission fee. Under 18s must be accompanied by parent or guardian. More information at [facebook.com/WMoF2018Limerick/](https://facebook.com/WMoF2018Limerick/)

### 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.



**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 re-open again daily until 6pm from September on.



## SEPTEMBER 2018 FREE COMPUTER & INTERNET TRAINING

Iolar Training and Limerick Social Service Centre will be running free Digital Skills for Citizens computer and internet training courses in Limerick beginning on September 3rd. The courses are open to everyone and will run for two hours per week for five weeks. Training is aimed at beginners and new users and gives participants the knowledge, skills and confidence to use the internet.

Participants learn how to use email, websites, look up information, local newspapers, listen to radio programmes and watch TV online, pay bills, book flights, make video calls, shop online, use online banking, pay TV licences, motor taxes, and much more.

The courses are suitable for beginners and are completely free. Access to a pc, laptop, tablet or smartphone is helpful, but not essential. An Eircode (postcode) is required to register. Courses will run on Mondays at 9 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

For more information, or to reserve your place on the courses, please call Iolar Training on 089 420 7708



Sometimes . . .  
I need to remind myself that taking time for me is not selfish but necessary.

Carl Jung was a world famous psychologist who studied human behaviour at great length and shared many thoughts on why people do certain things. Many people made appointments to see him. One day a wealthy lady phoned him to request an urgent appointment the next day at 3 pm. He said it wouldn't be possible because he was committed to an important appointment at that time. The following day the same

lady happened to be in a boat sailing past his garden which led down to the shore of the Lake of Zurich. There she could see him, sitting on a low wall with his shoes and socks off, dangling his feet in the water. She was angry that he had lied to her and that he had no appointment at all. She arrived home and rang him straight away: 'You said you couldn't see me because you had a very important engagement. But I just saw you now doing nothing and sitting on the shore of the lake by yourself.' He replied: 'I told you no lie. I had an appointment. It has been the most important appointment of the week, an appointment with myself.'

*Have I made an appointment with myself today or indeed for the coming week?*

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



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 & 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



Annette and Des Long wish to thank everyone who supported Niamh and the other athletes from Rehab Care who participated in the Special Olympics. Thank you all for both your encouragement and financial support. Four athletes went from Rehab Care, Parnell Street as part of the Munster Team, and they returned with 4 medals and 4 citations. They did Munster proud. Thank you all again.



Niamh Long with her Silver and Bronze Medals.

**Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection on**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

**Your support would be gratefully appreciated.**



## Mary's Meals Walk to Knock from St John's Cathedral 7th August

One of the 5 Mary's Meals walks to Knock will leave from St John's Cathedral on 07/08 at 8:30am. Day 1 of the walk is from St John's to Shannon. The organisers would love a few walkers to join them for part or even all of the route.

More information at: [http://sbs4marysmeals.ie/home/walks/limerick to knock/](http://sbs4marysmeals.ie/home/walks/limerick%20to%20knock/)