



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 4th November 2018
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Munchin's College

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm – Thursday

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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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MUSINGS

Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. These ancient and sacred words are for the faithful Jew the key source of individual identity and social cohesion... Those of us who are older remember a time when we Catholics derived a similar confidence in our personal identity and our community belonging from the private piety and public worship of the tradition handed down to us. I remember too as a child being truly impressed at the sight of Belfast Jews, the men and boys sporting their skull caps, as they took the bus to the Synagogue on Saturday mornings. Nowadays it is our Moslem brothers and sisters who take the prize in our cities for an easy, un-selfconscious fidelity to their religious practices.

Fr James O'Kane,
Shortish Homilies for 2017/18 (Year B)

THE DEEP END: The greatest commandment of all

Today we hear a very famous Gospel passage which we might dismiss easily because we feel we know it so well. Love God. Love your neighbour. It sounds simple, yet it can be so difficult. Loving God in our world today means being counter-cultural; often we are afraid to even admit that we are believers. Finding time for God can be impossible due to our hectic lifestyles; we are addicted to 'busy' and have become 'time poor'. Yet we can learn to see God in the everyday, right before us, in each task, in nature, in our friends and family. We might ask ourselves today, what prevents me from loving God, for making time for God in my life? For nourishing my relationship with God?

The love of neighbour which Jesus speaks of is a controversial love. It involves a love of people we don't know or like. It is a radical love of those that society wants to dismiss: love of the migrant, love of the homeless family, love of the drug addict, love of the prisoner, love of the earth, love of the climate refugee. Love God and Love Neighbour - it sounds so simple yet these are the toughest, most radical lines in the Gospel. It sounds like two commandments and yet they are one, interconnected and inseparable, for to love God we must love our neighbour. And by loving our neighbour we are loving God. Today let us all ask ourselves how we can live more fully this great commandment and be a shining example of Christ's love in the world.

Jane Mellett
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Mass of Remembrance

Our November Candlelight Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in St. Nicholas Church at 7pm on Saturday 17th November.

Everybody is welcome.





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.



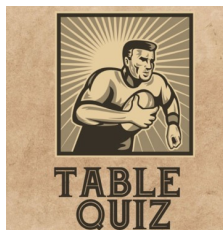
Baptism

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one month's 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.



ST. MUNCHINS COLLEGE SENIOR RUGBY PANEL

PRESENTS



Proceeds go towards SMC Senior Rugby Panel

November 9th—9.00 p.m.

O'Driscolls Bar, Corbally

€10 per person

Raffle with great prizes on the night

Contact Ken Crowe 087 202 6023 or

Mike McInerney 086 806 4179



Unity Credit Union seeking Volunteers

Would you like to assist your community by volunteering for your Credit Union?

Unity Credit Union is at present in the process of recruiting volunteers to assist with its work.

If you would like to become involved would you please leave your name and contact telephone number in your local branch office of Unity Credit Union and a member of the Nomination Committee will get in touch with you and outline the various roles within the credit union where you could be of assistance.

They would be delighted to hear from you.
Full training will be provided.

DESERT DAY 10TH NOVEMBER

You are invited to a quiet peaceful day away from your busy schedule to remember your departed loved ones. The day will consist of quiet prayer, reflection and will conclude with the Eucharist.

Venue: Westbourne, Ashbourne Avenue, Limerick

Date: Saturday, November 10th 2018

Registration from 10am. Time 10.30 to 5.15

Booking is essential as places are limited.

For details and information contact:

Sr. Phyllis Moynihan at 0879636893 or

Email: phymoy@yahoo.co.uk



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, Mary, Fiona and Scarlett.

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
or Tel. John.085 7406822 Maura. 086 0429952

Our faith is like a little stream

'My belief throughout has been that God has been part of my experiences and relationships, even when I wasn't aware of it at the time. The people who have enriched my life, have often been my way to God.'
~Edward L. Beck

Our faith is like a little stream. On its own it may seem insignificant but every stream has its own unique energy. It will soon link up with other streams, gathering momentum and a sense of purpose. No one can stop the flow of a stream. You can build a dam to stop it but the stream will fill, back up and flow over it. Its ultimate destination is the sea and nothing can stop it on its journey.

The same goes with the gift of faith and what we believe in. It is something precious and unique. It can't be hidden or swept into some corner. It has an energy that drives it forward. It helps us on the journey of life to find meaning and fulfillment. It never does a solo run but joins and links up with people who share the same vision and hope.

No one faith is the only one or the best one or the exclusive one. Like streams and rivers the variety and number is breath taking. But they all flow into the one great ocean, that of an eternal loving God.

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



Actual letters from children to God!

Dear God, Did You mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? Norma.