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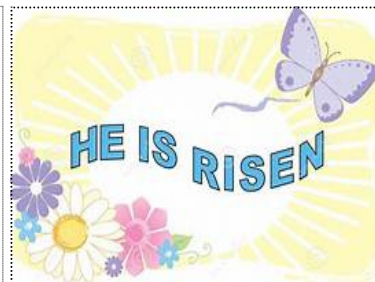
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EASTER SUNDAY

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Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College Chapel

Thur, 7.00pm

St Nicholas .Church

Weekends:

Sat 7.00pm . St Nicholas

Sun.10.30 am. St Nicholas

12 noon:

St Munchin's College Chapel

Items for newsletter

To be in to:

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Feastdays for April

Mon 2

St Francis of Paola

Wed 4

St Isidore

Thur 5

St Vincent Ferrer

Sat 24

St Macartan

Bl. Oscar Romero

Q:How do you catch the Easter Bunny?

A: Hide in a bush and make a noise like a carrot!

Rhythms of the heart

Not a lot happens on Monday mornings in most cultures. For the Western world it is the start of the working week, with survival as the goal of grim-faced commuters. Dean Swift, in caustic vein, called Monday the Parson's holiday, but it certainly isn't a day of rest for the medical professions, with illnesses spiking on a Monday morning. In the Jewish world our Sunday is the 'Monday', the first day of the week, the day after the Saturday Sabbath. Did this loving troupe risking an early visit to a borrowed grave in what was then the city rubbish dump expect much? We'll never know.

What we do know about Easter Sunday is put best by Pastor John MacLeod. 'Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in [three languages] . . . at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that's where he died. And that's what he died about. And it is where Christians ought to be and that is what Christians should be about.' Keeping our Christianity confined to a church is like expecting that sitting in a garage will turn you into a car. Jesus died and rose again in the centre of the world. Shouldn't we at least try and live this faith in the heart of the world for Easter's sake?

Fr Tom Cox (Intercom)

Buiochas

Holy Week has been a very fulfilling week in this Parish, culminating in the joyful celebrations of Easter. This is all due to the tremendous co-operation of so many parishioners, in ensuring that the most important even in our Church year is made very special.

Thanks to all who have been involved during the week with the various liturgies, servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, Liturgy group, choirs and directors, musicians, sacristans, those who arrange flowers, decorate the church and to our clergy, Frs. Derek, Sean and John.

Your attendance and support is always valued.

Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where we never thought that we would find you.....Joyce Rupp

MUSINGS: Be a person who sings life!

Be people who sing life, who sing faith. This is important: don't just recite the Credo, recite faith, know faith, but sing faith! That's it. Tell faith, live faith with joy, and this is called 'singing faith'. And it's not me saying it! Saint Augustine said it 1600 years ago: 'sing faith!'Pope Francis, Address, 3 May 2014

Pastoral Prayer for Easter



When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through.

Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light. Gracious God, We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus. We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen

You are Invited



The Salesian Sisters invite you to a quiet time of meditation on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11:00 am. At their home. 3 Oakton Road, Westbury.

Parish Office Opening hours.

Opening times: Tues 2pm-4pm. Thurs 9.30am-12.30.
for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries.

Tel: 341300

Baptism:

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

Easter Holidays



Our schools have now closed for the Easter holidays. We wish all the staff members, pupils and parents a safe and happy holiday. We remind parents to be vigilant and know where their children are at all times.....*Happy Holiday*

Trocaire

Your offering to Trocaire can be handed in at the church or to the priests over the next week.
We thank you in anticipation for you donation.

Easter Dues

Your donation to the Easter dues can be given in at any of the Masses . Thank you for supporting our priests. They work hard and have our good at heart.

Prayers please

We ask you to pray for a number of parishioners this Easter who are quite ill. Many too have relatives and friends who are asking for a remembrance in our prayer. Let us entrust them all to the healing power of the Lord



**Pro Life Rally
For All & Family
Fri April 6th 6-8pm
Limerick Racecourse
Your presence is
needed!
See you there!**

"Stand Up for Life, a series of regional rallies around Ireland take place the week after Easter and will highlight the importance of Ireland's 8th Amendment and the tens of thousands of lives saved by it. Given that a referendum to remove Ireland's 8th Amendment is due to take place before the Summer, please consider attending one of these Rallies and encouraging others to do likewise. With speakers from Ireland and abroad, these Rallies will provide a positive and hugely important expression of all that is great about Ireland's Right to Life Amendment. Your presence is vital. To find out more, visit www.loveboth.ie or telephone (087) 266 8702"

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

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A Haven of Peace and Quiet



Adoration is increasing and becoming more popular in the Limerick Diocese. Why not visit our little Chapel at the side of St Nicholas

Church (*across from the priests house*)in Westbury.

Mothers & Toddlers

Mothers & Toddlers meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30-12.30 in the Pastoral Centre in St Nicholas Church. All Welcome.



Easter reminds us that hope must never be lost, for as dark as the road may seem, there's always light at the end of it.

May all your prayers be fulfilled.

May you have a pleasant Easter

SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

**MUINTEARAS ÍOSA
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS**

Location: Newly relocated Diocesan Centre,
at St. Munchin's College, Corbally

SEND MEMORIES/PICTURES TO MUINTEARASMEMORIES@GMAIL.COM

3pm - Fáilte
3.45 - Mass Prep
4:00 - Mass
5:00 - Picnic
6:30 - Ceol
9:30 - Glanadh Suas

Tea/Coffee with be provided
Please bring a picnic, and some food to share
Donation box on the day

**All welcome, at any time
Bring musical instruments**

Muintearas Íosa is a diocesan youth group that has been providing young people with opportunities to gather for a wide variety of experiences and in a wide variety of settings since 1978. Events vary from one day to evening events, overnight stays to an annual 10 day stay in Brú na Gráige, in Ballyferriter, Co. Kerry. Members must be over 16.

Q: What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear?

A: You need an eggsplanation!

