



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College Chapel

Thur, 7.00pm

St Nicholas .Church

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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 February

Sun 3 St Blaise

Tues 5 St Agatha

Wed 6 St Paul Miki
& Companions

Thur 7 St Mel

Fri 8 St Jerome

*"There is more hunger
for love and
appreciation in this
world than for bread."*

Mother Teresa

The Holy Family

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. This year the entire month of February falls within the liturgical season of which is represented by the liturgical colour green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

Thank you to the people of St Nicholas Parish, Ireland

My brothers and sisters in Christ,
Greetings from City of Joy, Mazabuka, Zambia. City of Joy" is a "Home for Girls at risk". The Salesian Sisters welcome girls who are brought by the Social Welfare because of serious family problems.

Irish volunteer, Paul Hogan, raised money in Limerick for the good of the mission at City of Joy. He paid school fees for those girls who had no sponsorship, provided school books, uniforms etc. Gave a new look to the girls houses by buying curtains, security lights, worked on water and sanitation, renovated the kitchen by putting water and electricity inside. The list is endless. The community is always grateful to such volunteers who are hardworking and use what has been raised for the intended purpose. On behalf of the Community, I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the requests that Paul made for the good of the Mission at City of Joy.
Be assured of our prayers. Sr. Ngosa Agnes.

Prayer for Religious

God our Father may consecrated men and women be a beacon in the darkness, capable of seeing values where others see none and of recognising beauty where others fail to do so. May they be missionaries who firstly 'are' and then 'do' and who hope against all hope. May they enjoy silence in the midst of noise and dare to speak when cowardice would demand silence, always seeking new paths for prophetic proclamation. May they experience daily the joy and the adventure that flows from giving one's life for the sake of Jesus and His Gospel. May the 'yes' of Mary, Star of the Sea, continue to inspire and guide us on the pilgrimage of life. Amen.Sr M. Louise O'Rourke.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2019

Human Trafficking.

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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.

volunteer

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the
publishing of our parish weekly newsletter. Training &
support for every step of 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 com-
municate to our community what is happening within
our parish. It is very enjoyable and most rewarding.

Enjoy Life

There was a man whose one consuming passion was
to go to heaven. He had no time for the distractions of
this world. Mass, hymns, prayer and work were the
most important things in his life. Heaven was his full
and exclusive goal, aim and purpose. Finally he died
and went to heaven. An angel took him by his hand and
showed him the beautiful sights, the majestic moun-
tains, lovely flowers, children playing on the streets,
beautiful sunsets and many more pleasant sights.
Then he said, "Isn't heaven wonderful." But the angel
said, "This isn't heaven, this is the world in which you
lived but which unfortunately you didn't give the time to
see." It is easy for any of us to get so immersed in what
we are doing that we fail to see the joys and blessings
of life all around us. We need more than ever to notice,
cherish and enjoy these moments.

Citizens' Information Centre

Provides free, impartial and confidential information
about state services and entitlements as well as local
services and supports. 54 Catherine St., Limerick.
(061) 311444

Prayer of the Month



Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being made
subject to Mary and Joseph, hallowed
domestic life by Your ineffable virtues; grant
that we, with the assistance of both, may be
taught by the example of Your holy Family
and may attain to its everlasting fellowship; Who lives
and reigns world without end. Amen — *Roman Missal*

Invitation



The Eucharist Adoration Lay Team invite you to
an information evening to promote Diocesan
Adoration at the Diocesan Centre in St Munchin's
College, Corbally, on Saturday February 9 at
11.30am. All Welcome

*There is no key to happiness:
the door is always open*

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. Adoration
takes place each week from Thursday following
7.00pm Mass to Friday 6.45pm. This is an ideal
opportunity for you to have some quiet time with the
Lord for as long or short as you wish

Pray for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace,
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so
often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all
men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and
brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might
endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may
guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all
peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.

*"Nothing would be done at all if we waited until we
could do it so well that no one could find fault with it.*

John Newman

The Lighter Side Parking Ticket

An exasperated salesperson abandoned his car in a
No Parking zone and left this note: I've circled this
block twenty times. I have an appointment and must
keep it or lose my job. "Forgive us our trespasses."

Upon returning, he found this note: I've circled this
block twenty years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose
my job. "Lead us not into temptation."

Children's Corner

A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school
presentation. His mother was in the front row to
prompt him. She gestured and formed the words
silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's
memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and
whispered the cue: "I am the light of the world".

The child beamed and with great feeling and
in a loud clear voice said:

"My mother is the light of the world"!

