



St. Nicholas' Parish News
Sunday January 6 2019
The Feast of the Epiphany

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Mass times:

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 January

Tues 8 St Albert of Cashel.

Wed 9 St Adrian Abbott

Thur 10 St Dermot

Fri 11 St Francisca
Salesia Aviat

Sat 12 St Martin of Leon.

Jesus My Friend

Jesus, Jesus,
 You're so good to know.
 You are my friend
 Wherever I go



THE DEEP END: 'We observed his star at his rising'

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6bc was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

'We often make do with looking at the ground ... I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?'.....Pope Francis

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Also on January 6th we celebrate Little Christmas—also known as Women's Christmas (Nollaig na mBan). This marks the the official end of the Christmas season. Traditionally the men of the house take over for the day—preparing meals and allowing the women to have a rest. Little Christmas is also the day when the tree and all the Christmas decorations are taken down and put into storage for another year.

Words of wisdom for Success for 2019

- Work Hard:** Hard work is the best investment you can make.
- Study Hard:** Knowledge enables you to work more intelligently and effectively.
- Have Initiative:** Ruts often deepen into graves.
- Love Your Work:** Then you will find pleasure in mastering it.
- Be Exact:** Slipshod methods bring slipshod results.
- Have the Spirit of Conquest:** Thus you can successfully battle and overcome difficulties.
- Cultivate Personality:** Personality is to a person what perfume is to the flower.
- Help and Share with Others:** The real test of business greatness lies in giving opportunity to others.
- Be Democratic:** Unless you feel right toward your fellow men, you can never be a successful leader of men.**Charles M. Schwab**

Prayer for the New Year

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
 Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

!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 month notice. Please contact
the office to make arrangements.

Twenty Years From Now

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed
by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you
did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the
safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover. **(Mark Twain)**

We spend January first walking through our lives, room
by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to
be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we
ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not
looking for flaws, but for potential **(Ellen Goodman)**

This New Year

Lord, at the beginning of this New Year, I offer you my
life. Come take my voice, may the words I speak be
filled with encouragement and goodness. Come take
my hands, may the work they create be generous and
giving. Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be
led by your Spirit within. Come take my life Lord, for I
love your goodness, your kindness and your leading.
Amen.

New Year, New Term, New Beginning



We wish a happy and successful term to all
teachers and pupils who return to school
following the Christmas break.



Maranatha prayer ministry is a
Catholic Community, committed to
developing a caring environment in
which the transforming graces of the
Holy Spirit can renew persons into the
likeness of Christ. Maranatha prayer
ministry is a catholic missionary movement, who, filled
with the Holy Spirit try to reach out to other fellow
beings. The strength of the movement is its special
focus on a life centered on the Lord Jesus Christ:
beginning with an experience of God nourished by
prayer, the Word of God, the sacraments and
fellowship, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ
with others Spirituality

BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord as we now face the next New Year, let it be a time
of grace: A year of blessings that increase;
A year of favour and your peace for all the human race.
For a new start I pray; let it begin this very day:
A time of healing for our woes, A time of mercies when
pardon flows For those who go astray.
A time of goodness for those held dear,
A time of pardon for those we fear.
Lord, let this be a blessed year. Amen.



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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**Fr. Derek wishes to thank all who contributed to
the Christmas dues collection. Envelopes can still
be handed in any time to the sacristy at any mass**

A Haven of Peace and Quiet

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

Retrouvaille Supporting Marriage.

Retrouvaille is the name of a programme designed to
help heal and renew marriages. The word Retrouvaille,
simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the
chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a
loving relationship in your marriage.

For further information contact (in confidence)
Tony and Anne 01 495 3536

Useful Contacts

Samaritans: For anyone who wishes to talk in
confidence Call **1850 60 90 90**

Le Cheile: For people who have experienced difficulty
in coping. Provides support, friendship and opportunity
to help people develop their talent and coping skills.

Tel. 061 446786.....087 2485742

Trocaire Parish Volunteers

'Are you interested in volunteering and becoming part
of something really worthwhile? Trócaire is looking for
volunteers to bring social justice alive in parishes.

Information leaflets available from sacristy/back of
church. Also contact Noirin Lynch, Limerick Diocesan
Office, 061 400 133

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. We also encourage groups to
avail of it to promote upcoming events. Items for the
newsletter to be in to: **John.085 7406822.**

Maura.086 0429952 by Wednesday please



Before your criticize someone, walk a mile in their
shoes. That way, when you do criticize them, you're
a mile away and you have their shoes.

Children's Corner

What's orange and sounds like a parrot
A carrot.

What do you call a dog that does magic tricks?
A labracadabrador.