



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

January 7th 2018

2nd Sunday of the Year

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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**

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**Feastdays for January**

**Mon 8**

St Angela of Foligno

**Tues 9**

St Adrian

**Wed 10**

St Gregory

**Thur 11**

Bl William Carter

**Fri 12**

St Marguerite

**Sat 13**

St Hilary of Poitiers

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year resolutions

### A Prayer for Families at the start of a New Year



God, thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.

We know that you are always ready to forgive us.

Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.



As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

#### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS. Mark 1:7-11

1. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He is able to acknowledge that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.
2. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?
3. 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind memories of experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Bring these experiences to mind with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.
4. It is easy to lament the growing secularisation in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ-event is active today. How can we be open to the new things he is saying to the Church today?..John Byrne osa

#### Baptism of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate two important moments of moving out. First on Saturday, Jan 6th, we celebrate that Jesus the Christ did not only come for the Jewish people, but for all of humanity - the three kings remind us of God's universal love.

On Sunday, Jan 7th we celebrate [the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord](#). This moment where Jesus moved from private faith to public ministry - where he heard the Father say 'this is my son, the beloved, listen to him!'.

Christmas has been a lovely gentle family time for many - but now we are called to move out of our comfort zones. To witness to love, so that all might believe Jesus is with us. To witness to the good news, that all might know God who is working through us

#### The Popes prayer Intentions for 2018 Entrusted to the Popes Worldwide Prayer network (Apostleship of Prayer) Intention for January.

"Religious Minorities in Asia". That Christian and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

### **!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)

### **Prayer for 2018**

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

### **25th Limerick Scouts Club**

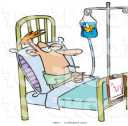
We would like to thank all the people who contributed  
to our "Yule Logs" fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul  
over the Christmas period. We greatly appreciate your  
support. We would also like to thank all those for their  
generous donation to the crib. All monies will go to  
Lisa's Lights.

Lisa's Lights was set up by Katie Whelan when she  
was in 6th year in Ard Scoil Mhuire in memory of her  
cousin Lisa. She hopes to install another light of hope  
in Limerick in the future. Lisa's Lights is a medium to  
promote positive mental health and to hopefully reduce  
Suicide. Thank you, and have a Happy New Year.

### **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 suf-  
fer 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 or at any ma-  
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. The next  
Retrouvaille Programmes start on Feb. 2-4 in Dublin  
Contact in confidence; Tony and Anne 01 495 3536

### **Sympathy**



We offer our sympathy to Mary Sadlier of College  
Park Corbally, on the recent death of her hus-  
band Richard. May he Rest in Peace.

### **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**

### **Welcome Children**



A special welcome to all babies baptized during  
the past year . We pray God's blessing and on  
them and on their parents throughout this year  
and indeed throughout their lives. We thank the  
Baptism Group for the great work they do in  
preparing parents for their child's Baptism.

During Christmas a woman invited some friends to  
dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old  
daughter and said, "Would you like to say grace?"  
"I don't know what to say," she replied. "Just say what  
you hear Mommy say," the mother answered. The  
daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on  
earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

