



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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14 Sunday of the Year

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Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College

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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 July

Mon 9

SS Augustine

Zhao Rong & Co

Wed 11

St Benedict

Fri 13

St Henry

Sat 14

St Camillus de Lellis

*If at first you don't succeed
you're running about
average.*



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 6:1-6

1. The story reminds us of how personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to the content of what another person has to say, no matter how relevant or wise it is. Perhaps you have experienced this. What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?

2. It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another, but may be unable to make a useful contribution because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can 'do no deed of power'. As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with other people?

3. The topic of religion can easily bring up prejudices, leading some to dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

John Byrne osa

Musings

'So let me ask you: Are there moments when you place yourself quietly in the Lord's presence, when you calmly spend time with him, when you bask in his gaze? Do you let his fire inflame your heart? Unless you let him warm you more and more with his love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you then be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness?'

Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, 151

What Riches can be Mine

There are many things one could buy if one is a lucky lotto winner, but perhaps not as many of the blessings below. No money could buy their real value. They make up the many daily blessings that God wants to send our way during this season of summer. Which three do you need most at this time?

Peace - Health - Happiness - Love - Friendship - Balance - Harmony -Strength - Inner Beauty - Joy - Forgiveness - Confidence - Courage - Family - Knowledge - Laughter - Growth - Support - Serenity - Prosperity - Encouragement - Independence - Experience - Learning - Healing - Abundance - Wisdom - Understanding - Prayers - Dreams - Safety - Gentleness - Memories - Hope - Vision - Light - Conviction - Belief - Openness - Faith - Honesty - Freedom - Inclusion - Letting Go - New Beginnings - Sobriety - Excitement - Inspiration - Simplicity - Gratitude - Satisfaction - Goodness - Kindness - Faithfulness - Patience - Reverence - Wonder & Awe - Right Judgement - Self Control - Contentment - Enjoyment - Togetherness - Compassion - Sensitivity.

DO DRIVE CAREFULLY AND RESPONSIBLY THIS SUMMER

As we pray for all who travel this summer, it can only do us good to ask the Lord for His protection on us each time we set out. You may wish to use the following short prayer each time you set out on a journey – long or short: Keep O Lord your holy hand upon us so that no harm my happen to us either in soul or body. Amen.



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.

Baptism:

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

God's Clinic:

I went to God's clinic to have my routine check up and it confirmed I was ill. When God took my blood pressure, God saw I was low in tenderness and kindness. Then when God read my temperature it registered 40° of anxiety. An electrocardiogram was then run and it found I needed a love by pass as my arteries were blocked with loneliness and frustration. I was also found to be short sighted since I could not see beyond the shortcomings of those I live with. When I complained about deafness, the diagnosis was that I had stopped listening to God's voice talking to me on a daily basis. For all that God gave me a free consultation and gave me some advice. To start with in the morning I'm to take a full glass of gratitude for the day that lies ahead. Later I'm to take a spoon of peace. Every hour I'm to take a pill of patience, a cup of friendship and a glass of humility. Somewhere during the day I'm to take a dose of love and when getting to bed I must take two tablets of clear conscience.

When did you last visit God's clinic?!!

Happy Holiday Time

Many of our parishioners are on their holidays at the moment having a well deserved break. We hope you all will have an enjoyable time of rest and safety, and come back to us with renewed energy.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER TRAINING 2018

This year the Youth Ministry Team delivered youth ministry training to 29 people from 13 parishes. This training was one of the key actions arising from the Synod process and the subsequent Pastoral Plan. The feedback from participants and clergy was very positive and we will be running another course beginning in September 2018. Please get in contact with Aoife (awalsh@ldpc.ie) if you are interested in taking part in this year's training.

Well done is better than well said."

Benjamin Franklin

"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to put its pants on."

Winston Churchill

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

"Mother Teresa

No Weekday masses in St Nicholas Parish.

There will **not** be weekday masses in St Nicholas Parish for July and August. Weekend masses continue as normal. We invite You to join us in St Mary's church for daily mass at 10am.

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 Dermot, 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.

. May God be with them at this time of worry and anxiety. May he grant them a speedy recovery

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let John/Maura know by

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Please take home a copy of this newsletter and one for a sick neighbour. If not please leave it on the table by the door on your way out. Thank you.

Feeling Lonely or Worried?

Are there days when nobody calls? Would you like to share a worry? Are you feeling lonely? Call Senior Helpline: **1850 440444** Mornings 10am—1.00pm. Evenings 7pm—10pm. You will be speaking to an older person who will welcome your call. The service is provided from anywhere in Ireland for the price of a local call. For more info. www.seniorhelpline.ie

Aware Needs You!
VOLUNTEER TODAY

Aware, Ireland's leading organisation providing support, education and information services for people impacted by depression, bipolar disorder and related mood conditions, is urgently seeking new volunteers.

Aware relies on the passion and dedication of its volunteers to ensure that the organisation can continue to provide free support services nationwide, essential services that have a profound impact on individuals and families throughout Ireland.

Aware was founded by Dr McKeon and a dedicated team of volunteers, many of whom had their own personal experience of depression or bipolar, and who wanted to support others. That is still Aware's ethos today, volunteers are the backbone of the organisation.

Volunteering can be a very rewarding opportunity to make a real difference in someone's life. Aware provide full training and ongoing support. No prior qualifications are needed. If you have time and life experience, volunteering may be for you.

Aware is currently recruiting volunteers across four services – Support Line, Support Mail, Support & Self Care Groups and Life Skills Online. No prior qualifications or experience is required, as comprehensive training as well as ongoing support and education is provided by the organisation.

For more information phone Emma on

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