



St. Nicholas' Parish News

March 25th 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

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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 March

Mon 19

St Joseph

Wed 21

St Enda

Fri 23

St Turibius of Mongrovejo

Sat 24

St Macartan

Bl. Oscar Romero

If you have nothing to be grateful for, check your pulse.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 14:1–15:47

1. The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?

2. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?

3. We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

4. For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence? ...John Byrne osa

MUSINGS

The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic Church', a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and Christian charity.' Give us wisdom and courage, joy and faithfulness in responding to our special vocation as a Christian family, so that we may help each other to grow in grace and love to the Glory of God. Amen.

WE DON'T HAVE TO AGREE ON ANYTHING TO BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

This week we saw Christians challenge one another about what it means to be a Catholic, a Christian, a disciple.

When we get passionate we can be intemperate about how we speak to, and about, one another. So I was very struck by this short prayer by Rachel Hackenberg based on the first two verses of this Sunday's Gospel:

Come, friend: the world is hard enough. Let's not argue over access to God

or qualifications for loving one another. We're walking in the same direction (and goodness knows I have much to learn), so if you will keep me honest then I'll watch your back, and we'll simply take this thing one step at a time — but let's not forget we're in it together. Amen.

May our first prayers this week be prayers of healing and inclusion, of forgiveness and of repentance. For God is close to all who love God, even those we disagree with.

DESERT DAY IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK

Desert Day will take place in Westbourne, Ashbourne Avenue on Saturday, March 24th from 10.30 to 5.00. The day will give you an opportunity to enter more deeply into the spirit of Holy Week in the peaceful surroundings of Westbourne Convent. There will be time for quiet prayer, reflection, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will conclude with the Eucharist. Booking is essential as places are limited.

Tel. Sr Phyllis 0879636893 Email: phymoy@yahoo.co.uk



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.

For Your Diary

CONFIRMATION: The new date for Confirmation is March 24 at 10.30am in St Nicholas Church.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry

Invites you to their Healing Retreat on Sunday, 25 March, 2018 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Doora-doyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Pat O'Sullivan, and Janice and Moss Carrig, Limerick.

Trócaire

This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign focuses upon the Koroma family in Freetown, Sierra Leone, who were affected by recent landslides in their area. This tragic event affected the Koroma family in various ways and cost them their home, possessions, work tools, and changed the course of this families future forever. This Lenten season we celebrate the resilience, hope and steadfast spirit of the Koroma family and the people of Sierra Leone. To find out more about Trocaires Lenten Campaign visit www.trocaire.org

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.

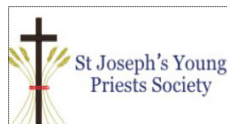


Six months to WMOF2018

- Register to attend
- Sign up as a volunteer
- HOST A FAMILY fro overseas

Celebrate the Joy of Love with families fro across the world! All are welcome to this historic event in Dublin from 21-26 August

[Www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). The main events of WMOF2018 will take place in Dublin but related events, including the hosting of international groups, will take place all over the island of Ireland.



All welcome to a special conference hosted by St Josephs Young Priests Society on Saturday March 24th in the Radisson Blu Hotel.

Speakers: Fr Frank O'Connor, Cathedral. Noirin Lynch, Pastoral Centre. Special closing Mass with Bishop Leahy at 3pm.

Please call Una on 061 227852 to book your place.

THANK YOU

**We Often
Take For
Granted
The Very
Things That
Most Deserve
Our Gratitude**

It is only fitting to take a moment to say "Thank You" to two of our parishioners, Ger Cosgrave & Mike Russell for the hard work and time that they put in to the upkeep and maintenance of the grounds in St Nicholas Church The way the grounds look at the moment is a credit to you both. Thank you.

Please Take Note:

There will not be a morning mass in St Munchin's chapel this coming bank holiday Monday March 19. Mass as usual from Tuesday.



MAY LOVE AND LAUGHTER LIGHT YOUR DAYS
AND WARM YOUR HEART AND HOME.
MAY GOOD AND FAITHFUL FRIENDS BE YOURS,
WHEREVER YOU MAY ROAM.
MAY PEACE AND PLENTY BLESS YOUR WORLD
WITH JOY THAT LONG ENDURES.
MAY ALL LIFE'S PASSING SEASONS
BRING THE BEST TO YOU AND YOURS!



Paddy and Murphy were walking down the road when Paddy bent down and picked up a mirror. He looked at it and said, I know the guy in the mirror. Murphy took it off him and looked in the mirror and said,

Of course you know who it is!

It's me you idiot!



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND