



St. Nicholas' Parish News
6th SUNDAY of Easter
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St Munchin's College.

9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.

St Nicholas, Westbury

7.00pm – Thursday

Weekends:

St Nicholas 7.00pm – Sat.

10.30 am – Sunday.

St Munchin's College

12 noon – Sunday

Items for newsletter

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Feastdays.

May

Mon 22nd

St Rita of Cascia

Wed 24th

Mary Help of Christians

Thur 25th

St Bede

Fri 26th

St Phillip Neri

Sat 27th St Augustine of
Canterbury

Youth Ministry Training Programme.
Every Parish, – Every young Person !

The Diocese will be delivering a Youth Ministry Training Programme beginning in September 2017. The ultimate aim of the programme will be to train people from Parishes/Pastoral Areas to deliver youth ministry in their own localities. Our goal is to empower and encourage people at local level to take on leadership roles in the area of youth ministry and so the training will be very much focused on the practical elements and will offer resources and tips as well as the looking at the theory and theology. Having spent over 10 years in youth ministry we know the importance of team work and support and so we are insisting that parishes would gather teams of 4 people to participate.

Limerick Diocese is hiring.

Great news - As we implement the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, we are hiring new staff to support the work of parishes, schools and clergy on the ground. Diocese of Limerick invites applications for Diocesan Director of Faith Development & Diocesan Advisor (Primary Level) Completed applications form, together with a statement of suitability for the post to be returned via post or to electronic mail to: General Manager/Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Limerick, Social Service Centre, Henry Street, Limerick or catherine@ldo.ie by the deadline of Friday June 2nd 2017 at 5pm.

Mass of Healing & Consolation

Our monthly Mass of Healing and Consolation will be celebrated in St. Nicholas' Church on Thursday 25 May at 7.00p.m..... All Welcome

"Holy Family Prayer Group" Celebrating 30 years

You are invited to an afternoon of thanksgiving, remembrance and hope, marking 30 years of meetings. **Venue:** Castletroy Park Hotel. **Date:** Sunday May 28th. **Time:** 2.30pm. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Brendan Walsh SCA, and will also include a celebration of memories, prayer and praise. Welcome.

Why Summer Schools?

We often ask parishioners, as volunteers, to take on roles that are both long term and of high standards. So its appropriate for a parish to support those we ask to serve. Summer schools offer a chance to step away from the immediate (crisis!), to consider the big picture, to (re-)learn the basics and to find new resources and inspiration. Most parishioners won't be free to attend a summer school - but many might, especially if they are subsidised by the parish in which they serve. Summer schools are also a chance to support emerging leaders - young people who might have some free time in the summer and who can, in time, give back to parishes of the skills learnt! Are there other summer school events you'd like us to share?? Email NLynch@ldpc.ie with pictures and information.

Shannon Crematorium:

An Invitation to an Open Day. Co Clare's first crematorium is on the verge of completion at Illaunmanagh in Shannon. An open day will be held at the new facility, which is adjacent to Illaunmanagh Cemetery, on May 28 with the public welcome to view the development from 1-5pm.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This pilgrimage takes place every year from June 21st to June 26th, with direct flights from Shannon airport. The Lourdes Office can be contacted at the Social Service Centre, Henry Street, Limerick. Tel. 061-314111. Director : Very Rev. Donal McNamara, PP St Munchin's, Clancy Strand, Limerick. Tel. 061 455635 / 087 2402518 Email: donalmcnamara@hotmail.com

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 9.30am to 6.00pm. each day. We encourage you to come along for a quiet moment of prayer.

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 Pat, Evelyn, Monica, Ailish, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Maura, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, 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. Amen.



Baptism Notice

Anyone wishing to have their baby baptised must give at least one months notice. Baptisms are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of each month. Times: 6.00pm Saturday evening St Nicholas church. Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.

Prayer before Exams

Dear Jesus, I place my trust in you as I prepare for my exams. May my mind be calm, my body rested and my spirit inspired. Give me peace and assurance that I will do the best I can. Keep me serene. May I be honest so as to give a true account of what I have learned. Help me do my best and trust in You. Help me to be confident in the knowledge that no matter what happens you are there with me. May Mary, my mother and the Mother of Jesus protect and guide me in all my life choices. **Amen.**

The Parish of Saint Saviours (Dominicans)

Are hosting a Triduum to celebrate Our Lady Of Limerick with the beautiful statue to Our Lady Of Limerick in the Church for the 3 days - Thursday May 25th & Friday May 26th: 1:00pm - Mass followed by Devotion with Fr John Harris 7:00pm - Reflection, Night Prayer and Procession to Our Lady with the Dominican Sisters, Saturday 27th May 1:00pm - Closing Mass and Procession with Fr John Harris 2:00pm - **FAMILY FESTIVAL** - There will be a Party On The Plaza in front of the Church, with lots of activities & games. There will be Food Stalls, Live Music, Face painting, etc. All welcome.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

We congratulate all the children who received their First Holy communion here in St. Nicholas' over the past weeks. Let us pray for them, their families and teachers.



For next week only, the children's choir practice will be on Tuesday (23rd May) 6:30 to 7:15. Maura 087 9576148.

Parish Office

Take Note... The Office will be closed on **Tues May 23, Thurs 25 and Tues 30.** It will re-open on **Thurs June 1st** at the usual time. **9.30am-12.30.**

Our Lady of the May

To honour Our Lady in the month of May we, the Salesian Sisters, invite you to join us here in 3 Oakton Road, Westbury in praying the Rosary each evening (Mon to Fri) at 6 p.m. We will pray especially for families, for the sick in our parish and for young people preparing for exams.



Srs. Brigid and Kathleen

Maranatha Prayer Ministry

Invites you to our Maranatha Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass on today, Sunday, 21st May, 2017 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Fr. Michael O'Shea, Limerick and Janice and Moss Carrigg, Limerick with beautiful Spirit Filled Praise and Worship Music and Song, Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Talk, Mass and Adoration and Laying on of hands for healing. Tea after in hall..... All welcome.

GODLY PLAY CORE TRAINING:

Are you looking to attend Godly Play training in Ireland this year. There's a course happening in Dublin in July. Facilitators : Jessie Rogers and Cora O'Farrell. What to expect: Laughter and learningFor further info, or to book a place, please contact Jessie or Cora @ godlyplayireland@gmail.com

Members of St Munchin's College Chapel Choir

Who represented our parish at the John Rutter Masterclass Singing Day Workshop in the Cork School of Music on Saturday last. They are pictured here with the great man himself. We will no doubt hear some of his new pieces in the Autumn.. Well Done Ladies!!!!



The Choir will take their Summer break on Sunday next, May 28th. As it is their final performance before they finish up, they will sing some pieces before the 12.00 mass in St. Munchin's College Chapel.....