



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

**Ascension Sunday**

**May 28th 2017**

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### Mass times:

**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

**Tues 30**

St Joan of Arc

**Wed 31st**

The Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thur 1st June**

St. Justin

**Fri 2nd June**

Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

*Its been a shocking few days, so we keep everyone affected by war, bombs and terror in our hearts today. May God who created us for love, turn our hearts to love, to healing and to justice for all of Gods creation.*



### **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](mailto:catherine@ldo.ie) by the deadline of Friday June 2nd 2017 at 5pm.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

### Tuesday 30th May 2017 Feast Day of Joan of Arc

Joan of Arc, a peasant girl living in medieval France, believed that God had chosen her to lead France to victory in its long-running war with England. With no military training, Joan convinced the embattled crown prince Charles of Valois to allow her to lead a French army to the besieged city of Orléans, where it achieved a momentous victory over the English and their French allies, the Burgundians. After seeing the prince crowned King Charles VII, Joan was captured by Anglo-Burgundian forces, tried for witchcraft and heresy and burned at the stake in 1431, at the age of 19. By the time she was officially canonized in 1920, the Maid of Orléans (as she was known) had long been considered one of history's greatest saints, and an enduring symbol of French unity and nationalism.



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### 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

In honour of Our Lady of May we, the Salesian Sisters, invite you to join us here in 3 Oakton Road, Westbury in praying the Rosary for the last three evenings in May (Mon, Tues & Wed) 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*



### 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 learning .....For further info, or to book a place, please contact Jessie or Cora @ [godlyplayireland@gmail.com](mailto:godlyplayireland@gmail.com)



### 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.

### JUNE 8-10: WHERE ARE ALL THE IRISH FEMALE PLAY-WRIGHTS?

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A conference in Mary Immaculate college to shine the light on Irish Women Playwrights and Theatremakers.

When the Abbey Theatre announced its

1916 centenary "Waking the Nation" programme, Irish theatre fans and practitioners were rightly outraged that only one of the ten plays being produced was written by a woman. The outcry over that gender-imbalanced programme led numerous Irish women to take to social media and vent their justified anger. The "Waking the Feminists" (WTF) initiative was born, and this important grassroots movement has done much to highlight the prejudice regularly endured by women working in Irish theatre, yesterday and today.



### GRACE BEFORE MEALS

The Sunday School teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly: do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook."