



St. Nicholas' Parish News
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Feast of Christ the King
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9.45am.College Chapel

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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 Nov

Tues 27

St Fergal

Fri 30

St Andrew Apostle

THE DEEP END: 'So you are a King?'

Today is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. The Jewish leaders want Jesus executed and so they bring him to Pilate who engages in a debate with Jesus on 'kingship'. Jesus is accused of claiming to be a 'king' and this passage plays on both the political and religious meaning of that word. Pilate is concerned with whether or not Jesus poses a threat to Roman rule, while the Jewish religious leaders are worried about the type of 'Messiah king' Jesus claims to be. Through his ministry Jesus has shown them that His kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few 'kings can measure up to this. Jesus is a servant King, a beacon light for today's world. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship? When you look at the world's political leaders, do they shine like a beacon light striving for peace, justice and care for the earth? On this Feast of Christ the King we celebrate a type of kingship that is a display of radical love. What a different world we would have if all those who hold power and authority led in such a way. Let us pray today that all leaders will be open to listening to the Spirit and strive for a more just world.....Jane Mellett

MUSINGS

Those who are too good, too gentle, too sincere, too meek, too humble, end up, as a rule, exploited and mocked, sacrificed on the altar of expediency. So it is in the kingdoms of this world. The world knows that too much goodness leads to the cross and takes time off from its obsession with personal and collective security to laugh heartily at such naivety. The truth that the world cannot perceive is that goodness leads through the cross to resurrection and life. Pilate thought to survive, but he survived only to live wretchedly and die another day. The secret of Jesus is that those who are willing to die today to the selfish demands of survival at any price will live forever. It is Jesus, not Pilate, who is truly free.....Fr James O'Kane.

Aware

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 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 on each opportunity please visit: <https://www.aware.ie/https://volunteering/> or phone Emma on 01-2374926.

Bereavement Support Information Evening

On Tuesday 27th November 2018 from 7pm - 8.30pm, Venue: Milford Care Centre. The bereavement information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family friends. Bereavement Counsellors will be in attendance to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The information evening is Free.



*If you wish to travel
 far and fast,
 travel light.
 Take off all your
 envies, jealousies,
 unforgiveness,
 selfishness, and
 fears.
 Glenn Clark*

Maranatha Healing Retreat

Sunday, 18th November, 2018 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Bishop Fintan Monahan, Killaloe Diocese and Jomon Joseph, Ennis (Voice of Peace) All welcome.

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

St Nicholas Giving Tree



Our Parish Giving Tree is a way of sharing with children less well off this Christmas. You can take a card from the tree in either church and buy a gift (approx €15) for that child. Each card will indicate the age of the child. e.g boy age 11, girl age 3 etc. You can drop the gift and card back to the church in a gift bag.

Gifts will be distributed to needy children before Christmas by our local branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society and Barnardos.

Thank a you for helping to make a child's Christmas a happier one.

Baptism:

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

Westbury Parent & Toddler Group.

All children welcome: Babies - Preschool, Parents / Carers can have a cuppa, chat and relax. Every Tuesday 10.30 - 12.00. St. Nicholas Parish Centre, Contact Nici 086 4095222



Christmas Carol Service

Our Parish Carol Service by candlelight will take place on Thursday, December 13th at 7:30pm pm in St Nicholas Church, Westbury.

It will be a festive evening with Carols by our three Parish choirs and offering us a chance to reflect on the reason for the season.

Seasonal refreshments will follow.

All welcome.



Kids Corner

Why did the chicken join the band?
Because he had Drumsticks.

What day do chickens hate the most? Fry-day.

What do kittens like to eat? Mice cream.

What do sea monsters eat for Lunch?
Fish and ships.



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 Frank, Scarlett, Maurice, Ailish R, Pat, Annette, Aidan, Gabriel, Jim, Kathleen, Garrett, Helen, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera Ailish, Frank, Ger and Mary. 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 E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. John.085 7406822 Maura. 086 0429952

ADORATION CHAPEL

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.

Knock Annual All-Night Vigil – Dec. 7th, 2018

The Vigil is now in its 46th year and celebrates and honours the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The programme for the night begins on December 7th at 10pm with confessions until 12 midnight in the Reconciliation Chapel at Knock. The vigil commences at 12 midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour.

Concelebrated Mass at 4am on December 8th with main celebrant His Excellency Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio with concelebrants Fr Brendan Walsh and Fr Lawrence CFR. Liston Travel would like to organise a bus from Tipperary, Limerick and Ennis. If you are interested please contact Shaun on 087 6016584 or 062 47440 to book a seat on the bus.

Talk on Women in the Bible

In preparation for Advent, El Gleeson will visit our Parish to celebrate an evening with us on the theme of "Women in the Bible". This will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 27th in the Parish Centre, St Nicholas Church and all are welcome.

Why do they say "Amen" at the end of a prayer instead of "Awomen?"

The same reason they sing hymns instead of hers.

Mc Carthy Cup Coming to Corbally

All parishioners are invited to attend a Community

Night in Ard Scoil Mhuire, on Monday November 26th at 6.00pm. There you will have an opportunity to get your photo taken with the McCarthy Cup. Also in attendance will be the Limerick Ladies football team manager John Ryan. He will be accompanied by some of their panel members who won the All-Ireland Ladies Junior Title this year.

Michael Cooke, (who is well known in our parish) will be MC for the evening.

It certainly will be a evening not to be missed.

