



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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26th Sunday of the Year

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Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College

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St Nicholas .Church

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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 October

Mon 1

St Teresa of Lisieux.

Tues 2 Guardian Angels.

Wed 3

Bl. Columbia Marmion.

Thur 4

St Francis of Assisi.

Fri 5 St Faustina

The person who has done their best has done everything.

The person who has done less than their best has done nothing.



St Nicholas and the Compass



The compass is an instrument used by explorers on land and on sea to navigate their position and to chart their journey. Our patron St Nicholas was a man of many parts, not just a generous benefactor at Christmas time. He was considered a patron of shipping and held in high regard by sailors, as is depicted so beautifully in our stained-glass window.

The compass holds meaning for all travellers, being a symbol for guidance, the ability to point you in the right direction

Accordingly, our Parish Pastoral Council recently chose this lovely representation of a compass to symbolise support on our journey as a community of faith. Without those who generously volunteer their time, energy and goodwill, very little progress would be possible and our lives would be so much the poorer. We are truly grateful. We thank them all and voyage onwards, under the kindly gaze of St Nicholas, mindful that there are times when it will be necessary to pause, reflect and check our bearings.

Why?Surely in order to remind ourselves of the message of Jesus,

" Love one another . . "

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.'

MUSICIANS/SINGERS WANTED:



Our new parish choir in St Nicholas, Westbury, is seeking out anyone interested in serving in the music ministry for Saturday Evening Mass. Any instrumentalists wanting to accompany can and should also participate. Initially music will be supported with guitar and led by our new parishioners Ben & Carey Ruley. They would like to meet any interested members. You can contact Carey Ruley by tel. 087 703 4705



In Appreciation of Those who Serve . . . Volunteer Alert!

Note for your diary: **Saturday October 13th**. The 7.00pm Mass in St Nicholas' Church, Westbury will be celebration for all those in our community of faith, who serve the needs of our parish. Without your generosity of spirit so much that underpins its vibrant life would be impossible to achieve. Please come.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Thought for today

We all like to have a sense of how much or how little. Our telephone bills are measured in units, petrol and diesel in litres and so on. But how do you measure love? St. Augustine sums it up well by saying the measure of love is to love without measure. This means to love with everything we've got.

Camino de Santiago

The parish is planning a pilgrimage to do part of the Camino de Santiago in September 2019. There will be a second meeting, about the parish Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, will be held in the parish centre at 7.30 pm

Praying the Rosary



For the month of October the Rosary will be recited Monday to Friday at 6.00pm in 3 Oakton Road, (Nuns Residence) Beginning Mon 8th.All Welcome.



Pray for those who are ill



Continue to pray for Fiona, Scarlett, Tom, Mary, 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

We pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital.

May this time be special for you:

A time of loving blessings from the Lord;

A time of his fondest favour in your life;

A time of his closest presence in your loneliest moments;

A time of his strength in your weakest days;

A time of his consoling light in your darkest hour;

A time of his greatest care when you feel most vulnerable.

May his healing love enfold you,

Shine in and through you, to renew you in spirit. If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let John/Maura know by

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A Parent's Prayer

David Axton

Now I lay me down to sleep,

I pray my sanity to keep.

For if some peace I do not find,

I'm pretty sure I'll lose my mind.

I pray I find a little quiet,

Far from the daily family riot.

May I lie back and not have to think

About what they're stuffing down the sink,

Or who they're with, or where they're at

And what they're doing to the cat.

I pray for time all to myself

(did something just fall off a shelf?)

To cuddle in my nice, soft bed

(Oh no, another goldfish--dead!)

Some silent moments for goodness sake

(Did I just hear a window break?)

And that I need not cook or clean
(well heck, I've got the right to dream)

Yes now I lay me down to sleep,

I pray my wits about me keep,

But as I look around I know,

I must have lost them long ago!

Bridge

"Corbally Community Bridge", has commenced again and new members who can play bridge, would be most welcome.

Venue: St Nicholas's Parish Centre, Westbury

Time: 2pm. All are welcome.



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.

Meditation



Quiet meditation on Tuesday mornings in 3 Oakton Road, Salesian Sisters Home, on Tuesdays Time:10.30am—11.00am
All welcome.

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 (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.

Scoil Ide Notes

On behalf of the staff and school, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Long for the hard-work, dedication and forward-thinking that he invested into Scoil Íde throughout his 26 years as principal. We wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement!

We welcome Caroline Meghen, Aisling Danagher and Susan O' Sullivan to the permanent staff and bid farewell and best wishes to Aoife Mc Namara and Jenny O'Boyle who have resigned from the staff to continue working in Cork. Welcome also to our new caretaker Trevor Mc Inerney.

Used Clothing Drive.

Please support our local school Scoil Ide while giving your wardrobes an Autumn clear out. We are asking for donations of wearable old clothes and accessories.

We need: Good quality wearable clothing. Paired shoes, Hats and scarves, Bed Linen, Towels and Curtains. Belts and Handbags. **We cannot accept** Duvets ,Pillows, Dirty or Damp Clothing or Soft Toys.

Drop off Details: Halla at Scoil Ide (Side Storage) All day Thursday September 27 and up to 10am on Friday 28. We cannot accept goods after this time.

Count Your Blessings



Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth; Love your neighbour as much as yourself.

The Lighter Side

An honest 7-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class.

"How did that happen?," gasped her mother.

"It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady,

"but three girls helped me catch him."

