



## St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 1st July 2018  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

### PARISH NEWSLETTER



Please feel free to take home a copy of this news-letter. A neighbour or friend who does not attend

church in our parish might also welcome it. If you decide otherwise, please leave it on the table at the Exit on your way out. Thank you.

We also encourage groups to avail of it to promote upcoming events, letting know of someone who needs prayers etc.

Items for the newsletter to be in to:

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by Wednesday please.

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### Feast Days July 2018

**Sun 1st**—St. Oliver Plunkett

**Fri 5th**—St. Dominica

**Sat 6th**—St. Felix of Nantes

## God can only truly be known through love

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**Do not be afraid, only have faith.**

There are two miracle stories in this quite long extract from Mark and they demonstrate an important theme and characteristic of this gospel. The first thing we notice is that the story of the raising of the daughter of Jairus begins the sequence, but then is cut off as we consider the woman with the haemorrhage. It is sometimes referred to as a sandwich technique and it is a characteristic of Mark, used to hold our interest as he develops an idea by means of two different stories. It quickly becomes apparent that the overarching theme is the need for faith. In the story of the woman, her willingness to trust in Jesus is total but by contrast the people in the house of Jairus laugh at him when he suggests the child is only asleep. Jesus tells the woman who touched him that her faith made her well, and to the people announcing the news of the death of the little girl he says: 'Do not be afraid, only have faith.' We have only already learned through the preaching of Jesus and his parables that the kingdom is present in his ministry and that it is both a gift and a challenge. Living by faith is the challenge but it is also the way to healing and new life for those who embrace the message with trust and confidence.

At first glance, there may not seem to be much connection between these readings but an incident from the life of Gerard Manley Hopkins might shed some light on the strong link that is there. Someone once wrote to the poet asking how he could come to know God. Hopkins wrote back with the simple answer: 'Give alms.' The God who wills us to live eternally cannot be known in theory or theology — he can only be truly known through love. That is our calling as Christians.' If we understand that we have been made rich through the poverty of Jesus then we cannot but reach out to others.

(This Gospel reflection comes from: Sean Goan, 'Let the Reader Understand', [www.columba.ie](http://www.columba.ie))

On your  
*Retirement*

For the dedication  
and hard work,  
you deserve  
the best retirement ever.

Enjoy this new journey of your life.  
Cherish every moment and have fun!

## Scoil Ide Farewells!

The end of this school year sees the retirements of Principal, Peter Long who has been in Scoil Ide for 37 years, 26 of which as Principal, Teacher Mary Gloster, who has taught in a variety of classes since 1984 is also retiring.

Michael O'Donoghue is saying farewell after 14 years. Mike spent those years

working tirelessly in maintaining the school and its grounds to its very best. They have, each one, shown endless dedication and kindness to everyone who went through Scoil Ide. They will be sorely missed.

We wish them long, happy and healthy retirements.



**Parish Office Opening hours.** Tues 2pm—4pm.  
Thurs 9.30am—12.30. for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house. Phone: 341300

### 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.



### Altar Servers

Our wonderful group of altar servers are taking a break after today for the summer. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication during the year. See you all in September. Enjoy the summer.

## OUR *upward* CALL

*prayer* PILGRIMAGE *study*

25-29 October 2018 in Bracciano & Rome  
*with the Dominican Friars & Sisters*

**Who** Young adults 18-35

**What** A combination of retreat & pilgrimage, alternating between days of prayer & study at the retreat house in Bracciano & visits to the holy sites of Rome

**Cost for pilgrims** Airfare & personal money (including two meals in Rome)

Other costs, including accommodation & meals at Villaggio Betania on Lake Bracciano, train & bus fares are being defrayed by benefactors & fundraising

For an application, email [limerick@op-tn.org](mailto:limerick@op-tn.org). Spaces are limited, so application must be made by 8 September 2018.

### Masses for Summer

There will be no weekday Masses in St Nicholas Parish for July and August.  
Weekend masses continue as normal.  
We invite You to join us in St Mary's church for daily mass at 10am.

### Mass in Phoenix Park with Pope Francis.

Tickets for the mass have been booked for the 67 parishioners who are travelling with us on the Parish bus on August 26th.



What do sheep do on sunny days?...  
Have a baa-baa-cue



**PRAY**  
FOR THE SICK

### 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 E-mail: [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)  
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### Thank you God for this glorious summer sun

Some important tips to help you enjoy it safely and comfortably



- Keep out of the sun between 11am and 3pm
- Walk in the shade, apply factor 30 or over sunscreen with both UVA and UVB protection
- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities like sport, DIY, and gardening, or limit to cooler parts of the day, such as the early morning or evening.
- Wear light, loose-fitting cotton clothes and a hat to shade face, neck and ears
- Wear wrap-around sun glasses with UV protection
- Drink plenty of cold drinks, and avoid excess alcohol, caffeine and hot drinks
- Eat cold foods, particularly salads and fruit with a high water content
- Take a cool shower, bath or body wash
- Sprinkle water over the skin or clothing, or keep a damp cloth on the back of your neck
- Keep your living space cool - this is especially important for infants, the elderly or those with chronic health conditions or those who can't look after themselves
- Keep windows that are exposed to the sun closed during the day, and open windows at night when the temperature has dropped
- Close curtains that receive morning or afternoon sun
- Turn off non-essential lights and electrical equipment - they generate heat

### Remember our pet friends too

- Make sure they have fresh water (even when at the beach/park etc)
- Lots of shade and cool places to relax (in front of a fan would help)
- DO NOT leave in a car for even a second!
- Only bring for walks early mornings, late evenings and preferably on grass, not concrete.

