



St. Nicholas' Parish News
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Mass times:

Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed.

9.45am.College Chapel

Thur, 7.00pm

St Nicholas .Church

Weekends:

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 February

Mon 5

St Agatha

Wed 24

St Francis de Sales

Thur 25

Day of Prayer and Awareness against human trafficking.

St Josephine Bakita

Sat 3

St Scholastica

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:29-39

This passage contains three stories and there is food for thought in each of them.

1. The first story (vv. 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?
2. The second story (vv. 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?
3. The third story (vv. 35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider
 - a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?
 - B) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?.....**John Byrne osa**

THE KUBE

Students, teachers, parents and friends of Ardscoil Mhuire in Corbally, Limerick are to participate in their own version of the popular television series known as the Kube. This initiative is part of a wider school fundraising effort to raise €250,000 for our new school development. The event will be held on Friday the 9th of February at 8.00pm in Thomond Park. The Kube will be a fun event with teachers, students, parents, past pupils and well known Limerick personalities competing to win the prize fund of €1,000. Participants in the Kube include Fr. Harmon, Councillor Frankie Daly, Brid Herbert, Principal of Ardscoil Mhuire, David Quilter, Principal of St. Munchin's College, Donal O'Gorman, Principal of St Patrick's Girl's School, Damien Quigley, Deputy Jan O'Sullivan and many more. Ardscoil Mhuire has served the needs of thousands of girls in our community for decades, and the building of an up to date state of the art facility will ensure that we continue to offer all students a high quality education. Additionally, the school has, and will, continue to be a school for the local community. Ardscoil Mhuire's doors are open until 9.30 pm every evening to our local community offering Spanish, Music and Dance classes, to name just a few. Ardscoil Mhuire is fundraising in order to raise a significant amount of money to finance the school's new development and the support and assistance of our community in this endeavour would be greatly appreciated. Tickets for this event are currently available from the school office on (061) 349014, at a cost of €20 for adults and €15 for post primary students (limited availability). We look forward to seeing you at what will be an enjoyable and exciting event.

You are Invited



The Salesian Sisters invite you to a quiet time of meditation on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11:00 am. at their home. 3 Oakton Road, Westbury.
**Prayer is when you talk to God,
Meditation is when God talks to you.**

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

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

Goals

I've sown many seeds that fell by the way
For the birds to feed upon;
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hand,
To make me keep sowing on.

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain,
I've gone many days without song,
But I've sipped enough nectar
from the rose of life
To make me want to live on.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland hold a Social Club for people with dementia and their carer, in a supported environment, which takes place each Tuesday morning in St. Mary's RFC Grove island, between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00p.m. There is no charge to attend and tea and coffee are provided. Please phone Mary at 313456 if you would like to attend, or just call to St. Mary's RFC on Tuesdays from 11.00am.



Shine

**Life is something we all share,
Just like oxygen, in the air.
The way we live it, is up to us,
With a negative or with a plus.**

**Life is something, we should cherish,
We never know, when we'll perish.
Live each and every single day,
Smell the flowers, stop and play.**

**Life is something, we've been blessed,
Choice is yours, choose your quest.
Follow your passions, and you'll be fine,
With the right attitude, you will shine.**

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
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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 in Westbury.

Mothers & Toddlers

Mothers & Toddlers meet every Tuesday morning from 10.30-12.30 in the Pastoral Centre in St Nicholas Church. All Welcome



Bereavement Info Evening, Milford

Venue: Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick-
Date: Thursday, February 15th 2018
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm (Registration from 6:45pm)

Come and See

Thinking about the priesthood?

You are invited to Pallotine College, Thurles, from 6pm Friday to 3pm Saturday. An event for men discerning priesthood aged 18 to 40, to 'Come and See.' Begins Friday February 23rd with dinner at 6pm, followed by informal chat, discussion and prayer. Stay overnight, and on the Saturday morning there will be prayer, breakfast and discussion. There will also be Mass at 11.30, followed by lunch at 12.30, final discussion and departure at 3pm. Advance booking is required. The event is free of charge. Please contact your local parish priest or vocations director.

Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men"

Bogus Phone Calls

Gardai are asking people to be aware of bogus phone calls. Please do NOT give personal information, bank details or any passwords over the phone. If you have concerns please ring Henry Street 212400



The Lighter Side

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."