



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 22nd September 2019  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## The Deep End — Kingdom Economics

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### Mass times:

**St Munchin's College.**  
9.45am. Mon, Tues & Wed.  
**St Nicholas, Westbury**  
7.00pm — Thursday  
**Weekends:**  
**St Nicholas** 6.00pm — Sat.  
10.30 am — Sunday  
**St Munchin's College**  
12 noon — Sunday



Please feel free to take home a copy of this newsletter. 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**  
E-mail:  
[Stnicholasnewsletter](mailto:Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

### Feast Days — Sept

**Mon 23** — St. Eunan  
**Wed 25** — St. Finbarr  
**Fri 27** — St. Vincent de Paul

If you think that all the parables Jesus told were nice stories about people of integrity then today's Gospel might make you think again. The manager has been put on notice by his CEO and he decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He is happy to let debt go and redistribute the finances. The only value the money really has is in the way it is disposed of. Yes, he is a bit of a scoundrel, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use.

During this past year we have seen young people rise up and challenge the governments of the world to take immediate action on climate change. In March 2019, the Global Protest for Climate involved over 1.2 million young people worldwide. Initiated by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, the climate protests shine as a beacon of hope in dark times. Greta stands up to world leaders and calls them to account. She is a modern prophet inspiring millions of young people into political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. During this Season of Creation, what can your community do to support these young people? As church, what do we have to say to this powerful movement? The manager in today's parable invites us to 'holy mischief.'

'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? ... Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' (Laudato Si', 160-161).

Suggestion for the week: Explore how you might join with the eco-groups in your community to rejoice in the gift of creation, to share eco-stories and hear other good news of what is already happening. Perhaps you can explore becoming an 'eco-parish'? ([www.ecocongregationireland.com](http://www.ecocongregationireland.com)) and ask young people in your area to help you.

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## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience, what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?
2. It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half hearted in your efforts?
3. Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?
4. 'No servant can be the slave of two masters.' When have you experienced the truth of this statement?

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### Parish Office Opening hours.

Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm 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: 061-341300

### 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.



### Baptism

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: 5.00pm Saturday evening (for summer months) St. Nicholas Church, Sunday 1.00p.m. St Munchin's College.



a big  
**thank  
YOU**

The now disbanded Bereavement Support Group would like to thank Eamon O Connor for coming to the rescue when we recently needed help installing the Prayer Plaque and Icon which can be seen at the entrance to the church on the left-hand side. As

always, Eamon responded to our request with kindness, sound advice and practical efficiency.

We and the community thank him sincerely.

## CLOTHES RECYCLING



Support **PARTEEN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB**  
by donating old clothing & accessories.

Drop Off at Clubhouse, Westbury  
- clothes can be left in the first dressing room on the left at any time during training.

Last date for collection:  
Fri 18th Oct.

Accepted:  
clothing, bags,  
belts, shoes,  
household  
textiles i.e.  
curtains, towels

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### 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, Philip, Tony, John, Brian, Muirinn, Ken, Orla, Ciara, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin 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 Maura/Grace know by E-mail:

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or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

### Healing Mass

A reminder that our Healing Mass returns on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 pm at

St Nicholas' Parish Church.

All are welcome.

Monthly Day of Recollection in the spirituality of the Servant of God Mother Marie Adel Garnier, St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork

Saturday 28th September. The theme is "Heart speaks to heart". First talk 11.00. Mass at 9am at the Priory or 10am at the Cathedral. Lunch provided. Cost: Donation Ends with tea at 3.30pm



**St. Nicholas  
Saturday evening  
choir**

We welcome anyone wanting to sing or play from teenagers on up.

We normally practice before Mass and have occasional practices on Wednesday evening after 7:30pm.

Please reach out to any of the choir members for more information.

From a letter written by a little girl:

My brother Calvin is very sweet. God gave him to us because he squeals so much he disturbed the angels. We are not angels so he doesn't disturb us.

