

St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

2nd Sunday of Easter 3rd April 2016

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Mass Times

Monday –Friday
7.30 am, 8.30am,
10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday
8.30am, 10.15am
3.00pm
(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday
9.00am, 11.15am,
Evening Mass
7.30pm

Confession
Monday, Wednesday
&Friday
10.45 am–12.00
3.00pm– 4.00pm
Saturday
10.45 am –12.00
2.30pm –4.00pm

Synod 2016 is almost here!



It is almost here! The first Catholic Diocesan Synod in Ireland since Vatican II, the first Synod in this diocese since the 1920s.

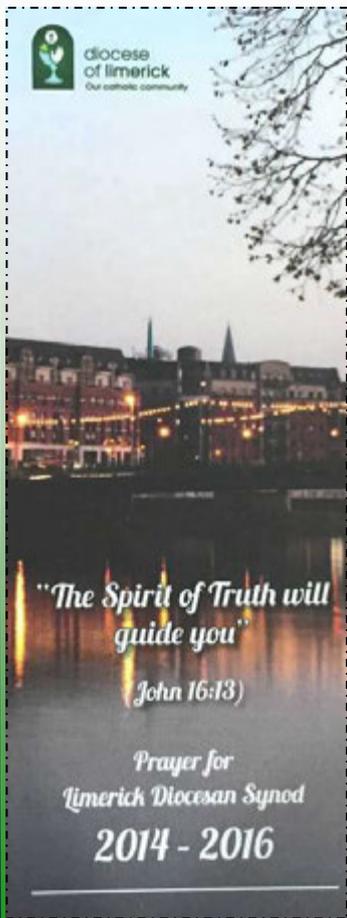
This is a historic event - a synod where about 70% of the delegates are lay people, and more than half are women. Over 100 proposals have been created by delegates on the basis of a listening process, formation and debate over 16 months.

Bishop Brendan, announcing the Synod in 2014 (pictured) said: 'The Synod event itself will be a large three-day meeting with around 400 representatives of the life of faith in this Diocese. Many matters of relevance to life in this Diocese will be

discussed enabling the wisdom and experience of all, inspired by the Spirit, to be spoken and heard'.

How can we be involved? Everyone is invited to pray for the Synod and to join us for all the public liturgies this week and next.

- **Opening Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop Brendan **this Sunday at 7pm in St John's Cathedral**. Please join us - you will hear and can sing all the Synod hymns you have been learning !
- There are special prayers at our daily Masses on Mon-Thursday.
- A special Pastoral Area prayer service will be held on Wednesday, (6th) in St Brigid's parish church, at 7:30pm Your prayer leader will be Geraldine White. There will be 9 such services, one in each pastoral area, that night
- The Synod—with your delegates— happens on Friday, Saturday Sunday, April 8-10th in Mary Immaculate College.
- **Finally the closing Mass is on Sunday April 10th at 7pm in St John's Cathedral**. All are very welcome to join the celebration.



Synod Prayer

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will,
to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power,
for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all:

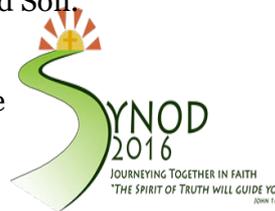
enable us to uphold the rights of others;

do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love,
so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you,
and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

Amen



Burren Outdoor Retreat

Come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites.

Let the silence and beauty of this unique landscape unfold its mysteries and renew you in body and soul.

Weekend inclusive from Friday 6th May –8th May

Contact

Noirin 087 9459151

Mary 087 9701130

Bookings Des Tully

085 1614951

Christian Meditation Journey to the Heart

With

Lonan Ni Dhubháin

Will resume after the Easter break on

Friday 15th April

in Westbourne Convent
Ashbourne Ave

S Cr Rd

Limerick

Newcomers are always welcome!

Contact:

086 3633127

Monastic Experience

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Monastic Experience

Day on Saturday,
9th of April 2016
from

10.00 am to 5.00pm.

The days are designed to help young women

between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life.

To book a place contact

poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

Follow the Icon

On June 22nd 2016 Redemptorists worldwide will celebrate the **150th** Anniversary of Pope Pius IX entrusting the icon of our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorist with the mission to '**make her known**'.

As part of the celebrations to mark this anniversary of the veneration to the Icon of 'Mother of Perpetual Help' we will see the popular icon visit every Cathedral in the country between April and May.

Last Monday the Pilgrim Icon visited many churches in the city and also Carrigoran House in Co. Clare, Milford Care Centre and was in St. Augustine's all day last Thursday.

The Jubilee Pilgrimage will begin in Limerick on the evening of **4th April at 6pm**. The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown will bless a new outdoor 'Mother of Perpetual Help' shrine in the grounds of Mount St. Alphonsus. The statue was carved by Seamus Murphy for the Redemptorists in 1959 and is being relocated to Limerick as part of the Jubilee Celebrations.



The Pilgrim Icon of the 'Mother of Perpetual Help' will be taken in procession from the Redemptorist Church on **Monday 4th at 7.00pm** it will stop for a short prayer service at the Augustinian Church remembering the special history that ties the Augustinians to this Icon. It will then continue to St. John's Cathedral for the opening Mass for the Pilgrimage at 8.30pm. You are all invited to attend and take part in this jubilee celebration. Please note there will be traffic restrictions in place on Monday evening 4th from 6.30pm-8.00pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On this Sunday 3rd of April we will celebrate **The Feast of Divine Mercy**. The celebrations this year will take place in Mount St. Alphonsus Church. Devotions from 2.30pm to 5.45pm and Holy Mass at 4.45pm Devotions include: confessions, veneration of image of Mercy and veneration of relics of St. Faustina.