



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

Taize Every
Thursday at 5pm

Augustinian Church

Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
Thursday 8th Dec.

Masses
7.30, 8.30, 10.15,
1.00pm & 4.00pm
Please note an extra
Mass at 1.00pm



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

LIMERICK

2nd Sunday of Advent
4th December 2016

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Bishop Brendan Welcome Pope Francis Visit to Ireland

Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy has said that the visit of Pope Francis' to Ireland in 2018 is hugely significant in a national and church context.

Welcoming the announcement of the Pope's planned visit, Bishop Leahy said that it will bring to these shores one of the world's most inspiring and admired leaders.

"Pope Francis' visit is hugely exciting for the Church, of course, but will also be a hugely significant moment for the nation. While we have a much changed Ireland since 1979 and we won't be expecting the same type of numbers as then, there are few figures in the world, if any, that will attract the type of crowds that will want to see the Pope.

"Specifically for the Church, his visit is more than timely. We are now and will be in 2018 at a time of great change in the world and for our Church, following a very difficult period. We are very much in a process of regenerating the Church in Ireland so that it serves the needs of its faithful as they are today and will be tomorrow. Pope Francis' visit here in 2018 will inject new energy into that process, which will be beneficial for the faithful but will also prompt those who are disillusioned with the Church to look at it again and see it as the Church of mercy and caring that Pope Francis wants it to be."

Bishop Leahy said that Pope Francis' decision to visit Ireland, in particular, is significant. **"Europe has not been a place that has featured very high on his agenda in terms of nations visited. Yet he chose Ireland for the World Meeting of the Families and has now confirmed he will attend.**

"There is something in this for sure. I believe he is being guided towards Ireland. He recognises what his visit can do for his people here and, particularly, those on the margins. He is also very much aware that people have suffered at the hands of representatives of the church and that there's much healing still to do. He is very much a universal pastor and his presence here will certainly help with that healing."

With regard to the potential for a repeat of Pope John Paul II's visit to Limerick, Bishop Leahy said: **"It would be magnificent if he were to come to Limerick and retrace Pope John Paul II's footsteps. But it is highly unlikely Pope Francis, who will be 25 years older in 2018 than Pope John Paul II was when he visited, will take on an itinerary as busy as in 1979.**

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Advent Scripture Study

With Fr. Sean & Patricia
Augustinian Priory
(Blue Door)
Tuesday 6th December
At 7.30pm.
All are welcome!



Cuppa afterwards.

Redemptorist Christmas Food Appeal

The Hamper Appeal has officially been launched.

Donations of food, toiletries, cash or new toys can be dropped into the monastery office. The office is open Mon – Sat 9am– 8pm and before and after the 12noon and 7.15pm Masses on Sunday

Abbey Bookshop New Releases



**The Healing
Habit**
By Daniel
O'Leary.
€12.99

You have a beautiful mind. Mind it! By guiding you towards a deeper understanding of who you truly are, the awesome power of your thinking, your mind is offering you the gift of renewing your life, of living it to the full.



**Waiting in
Mindful Hope**
By Martina
Lehan Sheehan
€9.99

This book invites the reader to foster a profound sense of watchfulness & an awareness of God in the present moment.

“But we can never say never and will certainly be hoping he will come to Limerick. I do know that on the three occasions I met him since he became Pope, his eyes lit up when I mentioned Limerick so it is possible that he stayed here at some stage. He certainly has an affection for Limerick.

“So many people in Limerick remember Pope John Paul II’s visit here in 1979. Pope Francis’ visit to Ireland in 2018 will trigger much nostalgia around that but, moreover, will help bring us forward as a Church and, indeed, nation. For those of us who will be fortunate enough to have witnessed two popes visiting Ireland, we will be, indeed, privileged.

Limerick Diocesan newsletter

Advent Hope: St. Augustine

The season of Advent recognizes our plight and gives hope. Advent days commemorate the days after Eden when the human race wandered in exile from God. In the beginning there was only darkness with no hope. But then as the years lengthened prophets appeared who spoke of a change in humanity's darkened condition. They proclaimed: The Son is coming! Be prepared for the coming of the light! And so it did, on the first Christmas Day.

The same message of hope is proclaimed to us. We are promised that the day will come when we will be born into the kingdom of light. Just now we are in time's womb, waiting to be born into eternity. As we live through our dark days, our faith in Christ reveals a light at the end of the tunnel.



Scripture describes our happy state with the following promise: The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there, and his servants shall serve him faithfully. ... The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever. (*Book of Revelation 22:3-5*) Believing in this promise while living through our still somewhat shadowed lives, we can turn to the coming Son and smile.

Donald Burt O.SA

Upcoming Events

- Dominican Church Notices: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. On December 10th from 2-3pm parents of children age from 3-12yrs are invited to come to an informal meeting to learn about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; a Montessori-based religious education programme which will be offered at St. Saviour's Dominican Church from January 2017. Please RSVP to 085 2255796.
- Family Holy Hour: December 10th from 3-4pm at Dominican Church with Eucharistic Adoration, Music and Catechesis. All are invited.
- All are very welcome to the Annual Christmas Carol Concert in Adare, on Friday, December 9th in the Holy Trinity parish church. Come early for the best seats, and bring a cushion or blanket for comfort! There will also be a chance to visit the 'Live Crib' on Sunday 18th Dec from 2-5pm.
- There will be a very special Advent Carol Service in Raheen church on Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm.
- In this year's edition of 'The Old Limerick Journal' there is a feature on the Catholic clergy who served in St. Mary's parish in Limerick since the 17th century. It's available in a number of Limerick shops or you can order it online at O'Mahony's bookshop.
- Liam Lawton will be in concert at the Redemptorist church on Friday 9th Dec at 7.30pm. Tickets €20 at the monastery.
- This Sunday afternoon 4th Dec there will be a Carol Service in Glenstal Abbey Church at 3pm. This will be a great opportunity to see the renovations made to the church!
- For those in ministry booked on our retreat to Glenstal Abbey 10th Dec we will be beginning with Mass at 8.30am and will depart at 9.30am by bus from outside the church.