



# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees 15th January 2017

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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

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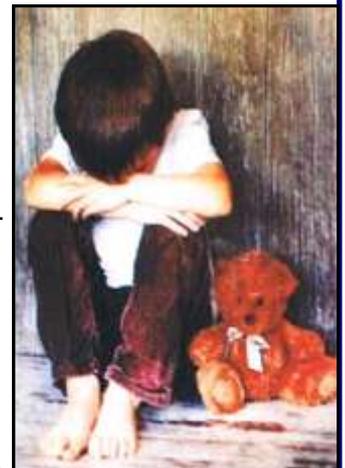
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2nd February

## *World Day of Migrants and Refugees*

As we prepare to celebrate the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees, on Sunday, 15 January 2017, it is important that we come together to remember and pray for the tens of thousands of children who migrate alone, unaccompanied, to escape poverty and violence.

**Children are the most vulnerable and hardest hit among the world's migrants and require special protection, Pope Francis said.**

The Pope made these comments in a message on the theme of **'Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless' for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees 2017**. In his message, the Pope called for greater protection and integration of immigrants and refugees who are minors, especially those who are **unaccompanied**. **'Minors are especially fragile, vulnerable and often invisible and voiceless – unable to claim or unaware of their rights and needs,'** he said. **In particular, they have 'the right to a healthy and secure family environment, where a child can grow under the guidance and example of a father and a mother,'** the Pope said. **'Children, furthermore, have the right to recreation,'** he added. **'In a word, they have the right to be children.'**



[www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) Parish Recourses -Forward

### Migrant Sunday Prayer

Blessed are You,  
Lord God,  
King of all creation.  
Through your goodness,  
we live in this land  
that you have so richly  
blessed.  
Help us always to  
recognize our blessings  
come from you  
and remind us to share  
them with others,  
especially those who  
come to us today  
from other lands.  
Help us to be  
generous, just,  
and welcoming,  
as you have been and  
are generous to us.  
Amen.

Today we also remember those who have left Ireland to find a new life elsewhere, and those who have left their own shores to come to live here. **It takes courage and initiative to leave one's home and loved ones to go to a strange place.** No one does it without a lot of heart-searching and loneliness. We know the story of Patrick who came to Ireland, first as a slave, suffering deep loneliness, hunger, cold, sleeplessness and fear. Later he brought us the richness of the Gospel. Those who come here, many forced from their homelands, bring many gifts, just as Irish people have brought their skills and talents to the countries they have gone to over the centuries.



Jesus always welcomed the outsider, the one who was alone and without resources. He goes to meet those who are forgotten, those who are on the fringe, and those who one prefers not to see. As we begin our Eucharist today let us pray for newcomers here today and for those who experience themselves as **'foreigners' and 'outsiders' where they live.**

MARANATHA  
Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat and Family Tree Mass with Fr. Brendan Walsh Pallottine Fathers Thurles Co. Tipp With Mass, Confession, and Worship this Sunday 15th January at 2.30pm  
**in St. Paul's Church**  
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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The 2017 theme for this Week of Prayer has been selected. On the occasion of the 500th anniversary year of the beginnings of the Reformation, the theme: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) has been chosen and begins from January 18th – January 25th.



## Service for Christian Unity in St. Augustine's

On Wednesday, January 25<sup>TH</sup> at 7.30 p.m. we hope to welcome a number of people from other Christian denominations and Fellowships to a service of Prayer, Readings, Song and Silence in **St. Augustine's to be followed by some simple hospitality. Please come and join us for this service in honouring this year's theme: "Reconciliation—The love of Christ Compels us.." (2 Cor. 5:14)**



## Milford Hospice 10km Event

The 10km Walk/Jog/Run will take place on Sunday January 29th at the University of Limerick with a start time of 12.00noon. The 10km is open to runners and walkers of all levels and ability with all of the proceeds going directly to Milford Hospice.

The participants will congregate on the UL Plaza for warm up prior to starting, winding its way round the campus and Plassey Road before finishing on the UL track. It is an official AAI measured route. Cash prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd places in both Male and Female categories. To register online visit [www.eventmaster.ie](http://www.eventmaster.ie) or you can register on Saturday 28th from 12.00 noon to 3.00pm in the Reception of the UL arena. Contact 061 485859/485860.



## Thank You

We would like to thank all those who supported The Crib Collection this Christmas which came to €3,130.

This amount will be given to St. Vincent De Paul.

Pilgrim Shell - Camino



## Camino De Santiago

Have you ever thought of walking the Camino?

**A group of people from St. Augustine's church will be walking the last stage of the Portuguese route of the Camino de Santiago in Galicia in Northern Spain in September this year 2017.** The walk is 125k over six days and is leisurely and gentle. If you think you would like some reflection, quiet time, exercise and fresh air as well as very good company, please contact : Geraldine Carey at 089 2410066, Leo 087 2922460 or Charlotte 061 415374. There are only a few places left, but there is still a little time left to consider. You would be very welcome to join us.