

Migrant Sunday



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

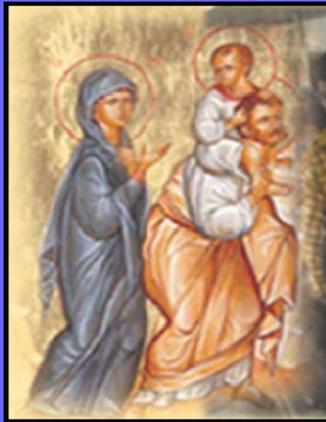
Monday, Wednesday
& Friday

10.45 am – 12.00
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Saturday
10.45 am – 12.00
2.30pm – 4.00pm

No Confessions

Tuesday & Thursday



Maranatha Prayer Ministry

Invites you to a
Healing Retreat and
Family Tree Mass
with Fr. Michael
O'Shea Limk, and
Noel and Aidan Byrne
Carlow this Sunday
17th Jan. at St. Paul
Church Dooradoyle
at 2.30pm.
Tea afterwards.

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Today the Church invites us to remember all migrants: 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 chased, forgotten, those who are on the fringe, 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. (coistine.ie)

Augustinian Reflection: Joseph Goes Home

The sad thing about the birth was that Joseph failed. He wanted to provide for his young expectant wife but failed. And the failure was not because he was poor; it was because no one was concerned about him or his family in his hometown. That's the sad thing: Joseph was not simply ignored by strangers; he was rejected by family, no doubt for reasons they considered to be quite good.

Joseph and Mary waited quietly at Nazareth for the birth of the child. Their peace was not to last long. Towards the end of the pregnancy, the emperor ordered all to register for the census. In Israel every male had to travel with his family to the ancestral home of his tribe. Since Joseph was of the house of David, he and Mary were bound to register in Bethlehem, about ninety miles away.

Joseph was worried. He was only a carpenter and did not have much money to pay for lodging. He did have relatives in Bethlehem, but he was not sure that they would be happy to see their poor cousin and his pregnant wife. His uncertainty was quickly dispelled as soon as he began to ask for help.

Donald Burt O.S.A.

Journey to the Heart MEDITATION 2016

With Lonán Ní Dhubháin
Our first meeting of 2016
will take place on Friday
22 January 2016 to set
out our programme for
Spring 2016

Date: Friday 22nd
January 2016

Time: 5pm

Venue: Westbourne
Convent, Ashbourne Ave,
South Circular Road,
Limerick

- We look forward to meeting all those who have attended in the past and we also welcome newcomers.
- Don't worry if you have not practised before or if your practice is not as regular as you would like.

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Opening a Door on the Bible



Dominican Hall
Next Workshop
January 23rd

Saturday 10 am –12.00
Theme

The First Christians
formed a
Dynamic Community
(Acts)

Divine Mercy

Since the year of Mercy
was declared by Pope
Francis St. Michael's
Church Denmark St.
have acquired a first class
relic of St. Faustina with
Mass, devotions and a
blessing of the relic every
Tuesday at 10.00am.

Fr. Leo Mc Donnell PP

Response of the Gospel of Mercy

In his letter for this Sunday Pope Francis has chosen as the theme of the 2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: *Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy*. Migration movements are now a structural reality, and our primary issue must be to deal with the present emergency phase by providing programmes which address the causes of migration and the changes it entails, including its effect on the makeup of societies and peoples. The tragic stories of millions of men and women daily confront the international community as a result of the outbreak of unacceptable humanitarian crises in different parts of the world. Indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence and shipwreck. Whether large or small in scale, these are always tragedies, even when a single human life is lost.

Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all. Don't we all want a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our loved ones? (Excerpt taken from Pope Francis message for World Day of Migrants & Refugees 2016)



Gospel Reflection

1. The marriage imagery puts all the emphasis on love, an emphasis found richly in this Gospel, in St Paul and, of course, in Jesus' own teaching. Go back to significant experiences of being loved and how these have opened your own heart to receive and to give in love.
2. The wine symbolises true joy in believing—a bit of a challenge these days, but central nevertheless and even life-giving. Where do you find your springs of joy?
3. "Do whatever he tells you" is a strong invitation to conformity to Christ on the path of discipleship. What have been the important points on that path? And where am I now? (tarsus .ie)

Synod Journey 2016

Now that we have **six specific themes**, we need to develop practical proposals under each theme which can be voted on in April.

Six Themes

1. Community and Sense of Belonging
2. Faith Formation
3. Pastoral Care of the Family.
4. New models of pastoral leadership.
5. Liturgy and Life.
6. Young People

Delegates have been sent the timeline for Jan - April 2016.

It includes an open call to all for proposals and specific discussion with groups and interested parties. All this will all be fed into delegates sessions so they can choose and develop concrete proposals to be voted on in the Synod. Delegates are central to the Synod process, but so too are all Catholics in this Diocese. We need your prayers, your reflection and your engagement with this process so that it will be truly our Synod, planning our way ahead as a diocese.

(Diocesan Newsletter)

