



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th July 2016

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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Augustinians Celebrate 150 yrs in Drogheda

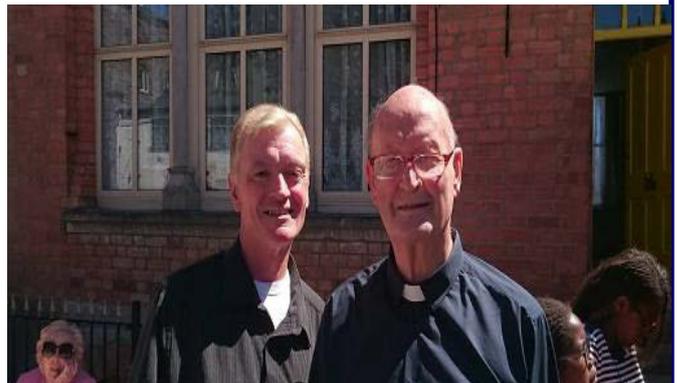
On Sunday July 17th the Augustinian Church in Drogheda marked its 150th anniversary. The anniversary marked the 150 years of the current church as the friars have been in Drogheda far longer, stretching back to 1295. The occasion was one of celebration with the focus very much on the local people who are the life and spirit of the Augustinian. The friars felt it should be a relaxed and fun celebration of thanksgiving and praise so it was decided not to formally invite any “dignitaries” but to invite all and anyone who wanted to share in the celebration. Fr Noel from Limerick represented the Irish Provincial and the Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh. As well as the local community there were a number of priests from the local parishes also in attendance as well as many of the local religious communities based in Drogheda; the Presentation Sisters, Medical Missionaries of Mary, Franciscan Missionaries of Divine Motherhood, etc.

The Mass was truly enlivened by the music of the Augustinian Gospel Choir who were assisted by the Augustinian African Choir. The music and singing set the joyful tone of the Mass and the archbishop even joined in with some of songs the African Group helped illustrated the diverse nature of our church community in Drogheda which is seen by many as a special place of welcome and hospitality. This is a theme that Fr Noel picked up on during his homily saying “*It is a wonderful thing to be able to say that many generations of people have found hope, understanding, meaning and compassion within these walls – the welcome here has been a welcome home for so many people: home to where you are wanted, home to where to are appreciated, home to where you belong*”.

After the Mass, the friars had arranged a marquee to be set up in front of the house where tea, coffee, cake and sandwiches were available to all. Again showing how the community spirit is so alive here; our African brothers and sisters provided cooked rice and chicken as well to anyone who wanted it – a beautiful mix of culture and hospitality. The celebration truly captured the Augustinian

charism of “community” with so many people of different ages, backgrounds and cultures all mixing together freely and easily. The sun shone and the afternoon stretched out as people sat, talked, laughed and shared stories and memories of the Augustinian and the various characters that had passed through its doors over the years.

C. O'Mahony OSA



Fr. Iggy O'Donovan with Fr. Malachy Loughran OSA attending the celebrations

Book of Condolence

A book of Condolence has been opened in the open space at the back of the church.

You are invited to sign this Book for the People of Nice as a sign of Solidarity, Respect and Hope at this difficult time.



NOVENA 'MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER'
KNOCK 14-22 August

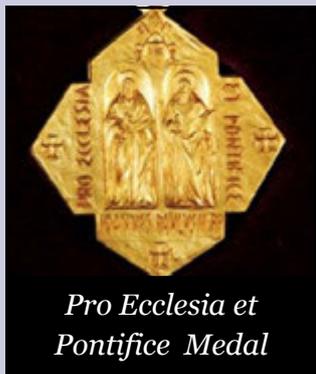
The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from the 14th – 22nd August. The theme for this year is 'Merciful like the Father' in keeping with the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Details of events on the notice board at the back of the church.

COMMUNITY PRAYER Augustinians Limerick

Why not join us any morning in our Adoration Chapel for Community Prayer at 9.50am.

Here we read together the Psalms and Office of the Day.

This is a beautiful way to read the Word and sing God's Praises.



Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal



As part of our diocesan celebrations for the Year of Mercy, Bishop Brendan will lead a pilgrimage to Rome from 28th Sept—2nd Oct. Contact; 057 9355050

Thought for the Day

Although the Lord's Prayer is clearly Christian in origin and, I would guess, exclusively Christian in usage, actually there is nothing in that could not be sincerely prayed by Jews. And yet, a closer look reveals just how Christian the prayer is. We call God "Father" because we are his children in the Son. The coming kingdom is the one preached by Jesus. Our daily bread includes the bread of the Eucharist. Even "the time of trial" points to the travails of the end when Christ-believers might find themselves denying him. In this way, the prayer both enables and expresses our being "joint heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17). Rather than a set of words, it is really a way of praying.

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Prayer:

God, teach us to be your children in Jesus both in name and in reality

Daughters of Charity Depart Limerick

Just days after the departure of the Dominican Order from Limerick City the Daughters of Charity departed the city this week.

The Daughters of Charity arrived in Limerick City 64 years ago in 1952 and in the intervening years the sisters and staff supported hundreds of people with disabilities and their families. Only four sisters remain at the Sisters convent and this week it was confirmed that Sr Kathleen Moore, Sr Breege Fahey, Sr Colette McLoughlin and Sr Francis Brouder are to leave their Lisnagry base on the outskirts of Limerick city.

Full story on www.catholicirelandnews.net

We would like to wish them the best and thank them for the wonderful legacy they leave behind.

Presentation Sister receives Papal Honour

One of the country's longest serving nun has received a special medal from Pope Francis in recognition of her community work. 99-year-old Presentation Sister Sr. Alphonsus O'Brien has received a prestigious Papal honour for distinguished service to her church and to her community in Bandon Co. Cork.

Former schoolteacher Sr Alphonsus O'Brien of the Presentation Convent in Bandon, received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal from Bishop of Cork and Ross Dr John Buckley. Describing Sr Alphonsus as "an extraordinary woman" who encouraged others to develop their gifts and talents, the Bishop of Cork and Ross Dr John Buckley said she was "a woman of deep faith" whose work was "was an overflow of her prayer life."

The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (For Church and Pope) medal is an award of the Roman Catholic Church. Also known as the "Cross of Honour", the medal was established by Pope Leo XIII in 1888. The medal is gold and its main side shows the Apostles Peter and Saint Paul. On the left arm of the cross is the inscription Pro Ecclesia (For Church), on the right arm of the cross is Et Pontifice (And Pope). At the point of the top arm of the cross is the coat of arms of the reigning Pope.

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A Summer Blessing



May our eyes open amazingly to the mystery of summer,
May our ears open to the sounds of summer,
May our spines tingle with unknowable beauty,
May the immeasurable touch every fibre of our beings.
May the colour of the countryside blossom in our hearts.



May the music of summer be on our lips,
May the fragrance of primrose, buttercup and daisy refresh our minds.
May the whole community of life
be truly alive with the energy of Summer.