



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

Fourth Sunday of Lent
26th March 2017

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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Continues every
Thursday at 5pm

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Lenten Invitation of Jesus

“Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with them and they with me.”

Revelation 3:19-21

The Lord knocks at the door of our heart: do we hear Him?; do we feel a nudge of conscience to listen, to change, to be quiet for a moment, to make a decision? God will not force Himself into our lives, but knocks, ever so gently, and leaves it to us to open the door to His presence.

The painter Holman Hunt, 150 years ago, painted perhaps his best known work, *The Light of the World*. It represents Jesus, dressed as a king and holding a lantern, preparing to knock on an overgrown and long-unopened door, symbol of the human conscience. The door has no handle – it can only be opened from the inside. The large copy of the painting toured the world and is now in St. Paul's Cathedral, London (the original painting now hangs in Keble College, Oxford.)

We are all free to accept the Lord into our lives and open the door to Him. He seeks a full response: love, faith, service and endurance. In the Book of Revelations we read about the mighty city of Ephesus in Asia Minor, Turkey, and Jesus is saying to the city “You have lost the love you had at first” (Rev.2,4). Without Love for Jesus of Nazareth, of the Gospels, we and the church are empty shells. Jesus tells the people of Ephesus that unless they return to love for him he will remove the lamp stand, His Light. Today Ephesus is an empty shell.

This time of grace, Lent, is a time to listen to the knock and open the door, to receive the Light. It is a time for quiet, for prayer, daily. In your own home sit quietly, light a candle before an icon of the Lord, read a little of the Gospels, ponder the meaning. Best do this with one or two others – listen to one another. Invite the Lord to enter into your hearts. He will.



Each Friday
12.15pm
Dominican Church

St. Augustine's Church Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join us after the 10.15am Mass on **Wednesday's & Friday's for the Stations of the Cross.**

Shoebox Appeal



254,218 Children say 'Thank You'!



Melissa, Burundi

It was a day to remember for Melissa! All the children in her school got a shoebox from Ireland.

They found pens, notebooks, sweets, toiletries, toys, and even new clothes!

Melissa loved her new bright coloured hat, as sometimes it gets cold at night time in Burundi.

Lenten Talk Series

A series of Lenten Talks inviting Limerick based charities to speak about the needs of the people that they support and to open our hearts to people in need within our community.

The last in the series will be given by Doras Luimní (support for asylum seekers & refugees) and takes place Wednesday 29th Mar at 7.30pm Dominican Hall

Visiting Choir from Illinois U.S.A.

On Thursday 30th March here in St. Augustine's we will host the St. Charles North High School Choir. They will participate at the 4pm Mass and give a short concert afterwards under the direction of Mr. Dale Morgan. They begin their Irish Tour at the Abbey Church Dublin on Sunday 26th, Kylemore Abbey Connemara, Tuesday 28th, and that same evening they will sing at St. Nicholas Collegiate Church Galway. This choir come highly recommended with very positive reviews of their past concerts and many tours. So if you have some time to spare this Thursday afternoon why not come and enjoy this wonderful choir and lets show our appreciation!

Liam Lawton Workshop

Fr Liam Lawton is delighted to announce the forth coming publication of The Mass of St. Patrick: a new Mass setting composed for the Octo Centenary Celebration of Ballintubber Abbey.

A once off workshop with Liam will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 8.00 pm until 9.30pm in Adare parish church, Adare.

Cost €10 per person covers the Book and Workshop costs. Please book your places as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, by calling 061 400133 or Adare parish office on Tel: (061) 396 172 Email: office@adareparish.ie

Blood Donor Clinic



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be holding a blood donor clinic in **St. John's Pavilion**, Mulgrave St. on Wed. 29th March 5.00 – 8.00pm

MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION

God touching a mother in the miracle of her new-born baby,
in her child's love-hearts on a card

for **"the best Mammy in the world"**

Burnt toast in bed from a seven year old.

Candles of thanksgiving for a child's recovery.

First Communion faces full of grace.

Tearful mothers in our Peace Garden.

Pleading eyes raised to Padre Pio.

Care-worn mothers outside courts and prisons,
ever faithful to prodigal sons and daughters.

Swords of sorrow piercing hearts.

Mothers alone, deserted, separated.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday on their faces.



Liam Ryan OSA