



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

1st Sunday of Advent
27th November 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

Shoeboxes On Their Way!

Last Thursday evening
870 cartons containing
7,685 gift filled
shoeboxes were loaded
onto a truck which is
now on its way to Africa.

A massive thank you to
all who have helped out
over these past couple of
weeks and to all of you
wonderful people who
supported this fantastic
shoebox appeal again
this year .

The remaining extra
320 cartons were
shipped on Friday.

Many, many thanks!
From Norah and all
the Team.

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Pieta House 'Nourishing Hope' in Limerick

This Sunday in St. Augustine's Church at 4.00pm Pieta House will host 'Misneach' a Reflective Service — Nourishing Hope in Limerick to those bereaved by suicide.

Coinciding with four similar events in Dublin, Galway, Cork and Tralee, the reflective events take place on Sunday 27th November, on the cusp between the months of November (traditionally a month of remembrance, honour and reflection) and December (traditionally a month of hope, joy and celebration) – to create a space and time for people to honour and celebrate lives present and lives passed and to move into December and the Christmas season with hope and celebration.

Pieta House CEO Brian Higgins says it's symbolic that Misneach will take place in late November, just on the cusp of December.

"We chose this date to allow people to move into Christmas with a sense of hope. When people are gathered on the day we want to move from remembrance, honour and reflection into hope, joy and celebration," he said.

"At Pieta House, our values are to treat everyone with respect and dignity, to be rooted in compassion and care, to generate and nourish hope and to empower. We see Misneach as a real way to embody our values at Pieta House.

"Misneach - an ancient Irish word - means both 'hope and courage' and so we want to create a space for people who have been bereaved by suicide to reflect and celebrate the lives of people they've lost; and it's also for people who can celebrate that they have worked through the issues that had brought them to a point of suicide but who can now move forward in a more hope-filled future.

"We would like to think that Misneach will also appeal to anyone who supports our work, anyone who has gone through our services or anyone who wants to support someone who has used our services."

So please join us in what we hope will become an annual event from this November on, to honour the lives of people who have passed away and to celebrate the people that are still with us.

For more information, visit www.pieta.ie, [Twitter.com/pietahouse](https://twitter.com/pietahouse) and [Facebook.com/pietahouse](https://facebook.com/pietahouse).



First Sunday in Advent

Advent Scripture Study

With Fr. Sean & Patricia

Augustinian Priory
(Blue Door)
Tuesday 29th November
At 7.30pm.
All are welcome!

Cuppa afterwards.



The commercial Christmas began some weeks ago. The spiritual journey towards Bethlehem and the heart of Christmas begins this Sunday, 27th November, the First Sunday of Advent. If you were to wish people a happy new year today, they would in all probability find it awkward. Nevertheless, we do start a new Christian year with the season of Advent. The different seasons reminds us of important aspects of being Christian, one of which is the conviction that we may always begin again and start new. Last Sunday, we looked back and today we look forward: what are *my* hopes for the coming Christian year? How am I now? How would I like to be, as a person of faith, this time next year? What steps will I take to make that a reality?

The Abbey Bookshop in this church has an extensive range of booklets and sacred readings for Advent to help you pray and reflect.



Novas Annual Toy Appeal



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Novas is a voluntary agency working with families, children and single adults who are disadvantaged and socially excluded; primarily those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Christmas is often the most difficult time of year for those engaged in our services, particularly for people with children. In an effort to

make it a little easier, our Intensive Family Support Service is launching its Annual Toy Appeal to provide presents for the children and teenagers of this service. It is hoped that each child will receive a present thanks to your generosity, which unfortunately is something that families we work with cannot guarantee.

Should you wish to participate in our toy appeal, you will be allocated a child or young person, and provided with their age and gender in order to help you select an appropriate gift. Each child will be given a numerical reference so that they can be identified by us. You will then be asked to purchase a gift for that child, and deliver it in a gift bag (unwrapped), labelled with the number of the particular child, to our family support service at 1 Mungret Street, Limerick City. Should you wish to become involved or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at toyappeal@novas.ie or alicja.feret@novas.ie or 061 370325.

Our 2015 appeal was hugely successful thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the hundreds of people who participated. We are hoping it will be just as successful this year.

Remembering Road Traffic Victims

A special word of thanks to all who participated in the Mass marking United Nations Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims last Sunday. We hope to make this an annual celebration here in the Augustinian.

During the week many people will have heard the victim impact statement of Mr Noel Clancy who lost his wife and daughter in a horrific car accident in Cork last year. His words made a deep impression and we quote part of his statement here: "That evening the rosary was said in the funeral home. When we went in and saw the coffins side by side, my heart broke. I pushed the coffins apart and knelt between them and put my left hand on Geraldine's clasped hands and my right hand on Louise's and wept for my wife and daughter."

Mr Clancy recalled how "on Christmas Day, three days after they were killed, the undertaker asked him a question about the funeral which he hoped he would never have to ask any other family ever again. He asked me "which coffin would we lower first?" While most people were enjoying Christmas with their families, I was trying to make a decision" said Mr Clancy. "I phoned him back and told him we would lower Geraldine first and place Louise back in her arms". **Fr. Iggy O'Donovan OSA**

Redemptorist Church
Limerick

O Holy Night

Liam Lawton
In Concert
Friday 9th Dec
Doors open at
7.30pm
Tickets €20
Available at the
Monastery Shop.

Dominican Church Advent Talks

Tuesday 29th Nov
Science and Spirituality
- the singing heart
of the world
With Dr John Feehan
Dominican Hall
At 7.30pm

Mercy in the Scriptures

Ms Jesse Rogers
will speak on
Mercy in the
Scriptures

November 29th
Fitzgerald Centre
Bruff at 7.30pm
All welcome