



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th 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



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Keeping Hope Alive

This year, nature's timing was perfect for the Feast of All Saints last Tuesday because of the uncommonly mild and calm October the trees held on to their leaves. During the week they really began to let go. Red, brown and yellow fluttered to the ground to form a glorious carpet of mortality. Already the green shoots of snowdrops are appearing through the black soil. Climate change is bringing death and resurrection together. Between shedding and sprouting the human spirit, like the earth, needs to rest and to hibernate. Grief takes time but natural rhythms are being broken. The stream rushes on and gets no time to form pools of reflection and recovery.



When we cannot find words for death and tragedy simple rituals can say something for us. Strength and consolation can be drawn from the lighting of a candle. A flame is left behind to keep vigil for our loved ones. Personal links are established with a deceased parent, a son a daughter or a child when the names are added to the November Dead List, when a bunch of flowers is placed on a grave. Confession may help us with difficult memories and enable us to celebrate the good ones. Masses for the dead can draw us into the movement of death and resurrection which is so much part of the human story. Incense and holy water remind us of the sacredness of the human body which is not altered by the circumstances of death.



The Paschal Candle of Hope reassures us that bonds are not severed, that there is an afterlife where we will join those who have gone before us, that God is infinitely more forgiving than we could ever imagine. Separations, desertions and divorces bring added pain to times of grief. November sharpens the acute grief, the self blame and the questions of those who have lost a loved one through suicide. Let us gather them into our hearts and prayers.

Prayer :

Lord help us to reach out beyond our own pain to embrace the sadness of others. Help us to remember that you are close to the broken hearted this month and always. Fr. Liam Ryan OSA

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Augustinian Church
Every Thursday
5pm-6pm



Come & join us.

Sacred Heart Church

The Institute of Christ the King will be honoured by the visit of Cardinal Burke this coming weekend. On Sunday 6th the Feast of all Saints of Ireland there will be a Solemn Pontifical Mass at 10.30am. His Eminence will be happy to greet everyone after the ceremony.

Service of Remembrance

For parents who have experienced the death of their baby /pregnancy loss at any stage, together with their family, friends and hospital staff.



Holy Rosary Church
Ennis Road, Limk.
Sunday 13th November
at 3.00pm

Desert Day

Experience a quiet peaceful day away from your busy schedule in a calm environment. A day of quiet prayer, reflection and will conclude with the Eucharist.

Saturday 12th November
From 10.30am –5.30pm
Ashbourne Ave ,Limerick

Registration from 10am
Booking essential
087 9636893



God of Hope

God of hope, thank you for the special people
I am remembering during this month.
Walk with me in my dark moments of grief and loneliness.
Complete all the unfinished bits and pieces .
Remove all guilt for things unsaid,
for words which may have wounded.
Thank you for those who continue to love
and support me through my grief.
Give me hope, direction and courage
May I continue to treasure precious memories
and move beyond the difficult ones.
Turn my pain into compassion for others.
Help me to let go of my questions and to rest in the promise
of meeting my loved ones again.
May I draw strength from the flickering half-lights of my faith
Restore my trust in the care of God
and the hope of the Risen Christ.

Amen

Fr. Liam Ryan



Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims

Ten years ago the General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution proclaiming that the 3rd Sunday of November each year be celebrated as a commemorative day for road traffic victims. The big number of victims is certainly a searing wound in our society. Overall in our country the situation has generally improved. It is difficult to believe that the number of road victims in the 1970s was far greater than it is today. There are a number of reasons for this above all the change in public attitude with regard to road safety. The clamp down on drink driving is a significant factor. In this area there was a very high levels of recklessness. Road conditions and vehicle quality have also greatly improved. Public awareness campaigns by the Road Safety Authority have contributed significantly to a gradual improvement in the situation. Above all as a society we are showing more "cop on".

We will mark this special day at our Eucharist on Sunday November 20th at 11.15 am here in the Augustinian Church. Some more details will appear in our newsletter next week. In the meantime get the word out there to anybody you think may be interested.

Fr. Iggy O'Donovan OSA

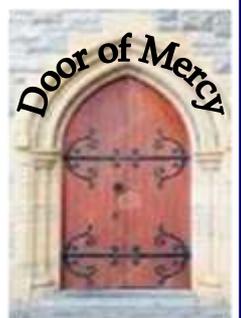


World Day
of Remembrance
For Road
Traffic Victims
Augustinian Church
Sunday Nov. 20th

Mercy in Action !

A special Year of Mercy celebration will take place in St John's Cathedral on Sunday November 20th at 4.00 pm with Bishop Brendan Leahy. A number of local and national organisations have agreed to be part of the story of the liturgy and it promises to be a reflective and meaningful experience for young and old alike. Please spread the word so we have a full Cathedral with representatives from every parish to bring the works of Mercy to every home, parish, community and workplace across Limerick in a meaningful way.

This Sunday, November 6th is the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland! There will be a special Mass in St Saviours Dominican church at 1p, followed by a family procession to St Johns Cathedral. There we will learn about and go through the Holy Door (as part of the Year of Mercy).



Ministries on Sunday
at 11.15am Mass
Readers
John Leonard
& Geraldine Carey
Psalm Milo Hurley
Eucharistic Ministry
Judith Poiget
Gerry & Anne
Williams