

WORLD MISSION 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

TAIZE
Every Thursday
From 5.00pm -6.00pm

Desert Day

Would you like to have a quiet peaceful day away from your busy schedule in a calm environment to remember your departed ones during the month of November?

Join us at
Westbourne,
Ashbourne Ave
Saturday, Nov 12th
From 10.30am – 5.30pm

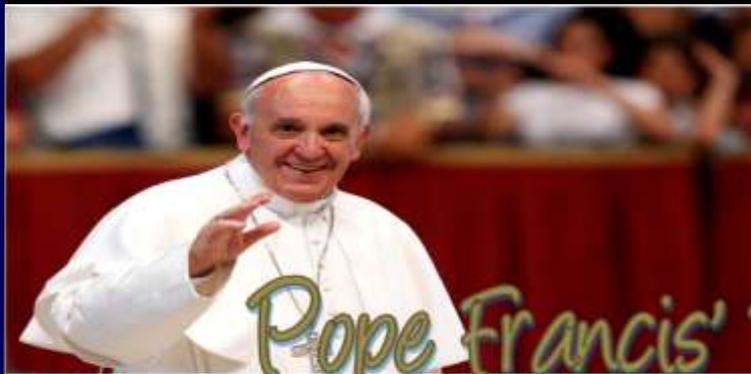
Booking essential
Sr. Phyllis 087 9636893

St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23th October 2016

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Theme: 'Every Christian is a Missionary'



*The Lord's disciples
persevere in joy
when they sense
his presence, do his will
and share with others
their faith, hope and
evangelical charity.*

Pope Francis' Message Mission Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: it invites us to consider the *missio ad gentes* as a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material. On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to “**go out**” as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to **bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family**. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord's love. She “**is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel**” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12) and to proclaim mercy in every corner of the world, reaching every person, young or old.

When mercy encounters a person, it brings deep joy to the Father's heart; for from the beginning the Father has lovingly turned towards the most vulnerable, because his greatness and power are revealed precisely in his capacity to identify with the young, the marginalized and the oppressed (cf. *Deut* 4:31; *Ps* 86:15; 103:8; 111:4). He is a kind, caring and faithful God who is close to those in need, especially the poor; he involves himself tenderly in human reality just as a father and mother do in the lives of their children (cf. *Jer* 31:20). When speaking of the womb, the Bible uses the word that signifies mercy: therefore it refers to the love of a mother for her children, whom she will always love, in every circumstance and regardless of what happens, because they are the fruit of her womb. This is also an essential aspect of the love that God has for all his children, whom he created and whom he wants to raise and educate; in the face of their weaknesses and infidelity, his heart is overcome with compassion (cf. *Hos* 11:8). He is merciful towards all; his love is for all people and his compassion extends to all creatures (cf. *Ps* 144:8-9).

Short excerpt taken from the message of Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2016

Bring the 'Joy of the Gospel' with you



Pope Francis has challenged us to “go out” as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God’s tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. This is what the Northstar Family Project did. Their mission ‘ to provide a range of supports to meet the needs of the family members and friends who are affected by drug and alcohol misuse. Having attended their service here in St. Augustine’s last Thursday evening I was overwhelmed by the ordinary men and women doing extraordinary work on our own ‘Mission Field’. A beautiful tapestry hung over the sanctuary depicting a train it’s theme: 'Destination Hope—A Journey for Life. It seemed to be the current running through the whole service **‘there is always hope’**. Each one was given a ceramic star with a different caption on it .. Peace, Joy, Hope, understanding .. and also a **‘care bag’** with a card attached describing the contents:



1. A cotton ball to cushion the bumpy roads.
2. A candle to remind you to share your light with others
3. A tooth pick to remind you to pick out the good qualities in every one including yourself.
4. A rubber band to remind you to be flexible.
5. A band aid to remind you to help heal hurt feelings whenever you find them within yourself and others.
6. A mint to remind you that you are worth a mint.
7. A piece of string and a safety pin to help tie things together when everything is falling apart .
8. A teabag to remind you to take some time for yourself.
9. **A marble in case someone says you’ve lost all yours.**
10. An Angel to watch over you.

There were also many moving testimonies throughout the night one young girl placed in foster care since she was a baby owing to both parents being alcoholics. However reunited with her maternal mother some years later. Life was hard no friends, no hope and no future. People told her she would never get anywhere in life . **She attended St. Augustine’s school and was given the opportunities there to follow her passion for sport and with much encouragement and direction and training from Karen Keehan (Garda youth diversion project) she is now ‘a success story’**. She gives soccer camps in her own area and as she says **‘I did make something of myself . There is always hope and there is always someone there to believe in you.’**

Pope Francis concludes :

‘This merciful love, as in the early days of the Church, is witnessed to by many men and women of every age and condition. The considerable and growing presence of women in the missionary world, working alongside their male counterparts, is a significant sign of God’s maternal love. Women, lay and religious, and today even many families, carry out their missionary vocation in various forms: from announcing the Gospel to charitable service. Together with the evangelizing and sacramental work of missionaries, women and families often more adequately understand people’s problems and know how to deal with them in an appropriate and, at times, fresh way: in caring for life, with a strong focus on people rather than structures, and by allocating human and spiritual resources towards the building of good relations, harmony, peace, solidarity, dialogue, operation and fraternity, both among individuals and in social and cultural life, in particular through care for the poor.’ (excerpt from Pope Francis Sunday Message)



Precious in my Eyes Micheal Downes

The recently launched CD by Mícheál Downes ‘Precious in my Eyes’ Is now available in the Abbey Bookshop €14.99

Ministries on Sunday at 11.15am Mass
Readers
Barbara Dillon & Milo Hurley
Psalm Choir
Eucharistic Ministry
Marie Rocca
Gerry & Anne Williams