

St. Augustine's Church Limerick Sixth Sunday of Easter 21st May 2017

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New Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland

Mass times:

Monday—Friday

7.30am—8.30am—
10.15am— & 4.00pm

Saturday —

8.30am—10.15am—3.00pm
(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday—

9.00am, 11.15am & 7.30

Confession:

Monday— Wednesday —Friday

10.45am—12.00 /
3.00pm—4.00pm

Saturday —

10.45am—12.00 /
2.30pm—4.00pm

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Every Thursday: 5pm-6pm

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Titular Archbishop of Novica, as the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. It is expected that the date of Archbishop Okolo's arrival to Ireland will occur during the summer.

His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo was born in Kano, Nigeria, on the 18 December 1956. He was ordained to the priesthood on 2 July 1983 for the Diocese of Nnewi. Called to the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See, he began his first assignment in June 1990, in Sri Lanka. He served in many Pontifical Representations and in 2008 he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to the Central African Republic of Chad.

Subsequently in 2013, he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to the Dominican Republic and Apostolic Delegate in Puerto Rico. Archbishop



Okolo speaks many languages and enjoys sacred music, piano and reading.

Congratulating Archbishop Okolo on his appointment, Archbishop Martin said: "I warmly welcome the appointment by His Holiness Pope Francis and I wish him many blessings in his new role. I pray that his time among us as the representative of the Holy Father will be blessed and fruitful".

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New Crematorium in Shannon

Co Clare's first crematorium is on the verge of completion at Illaunmanagh in Shannon. An open day will be held at the new facility, which is adjacent to Illaunmanagh Cemetery, on May 28th with the public welcome to view the development from 1-5pm.

At the moment, one in six people in Ireland are cremated, with the figure having risen very significantly in the last 10 years. In recent years, more people from the midwest have opted for cremation



for their loved ones but have had to travel to Dublin or Cork. The Catholic Church has approved cremation since 1963,

however we do insist that the ashes must be buried in a holy place. When cremation is chosen, it will as a general rule take place after the funeral Mass.

The cremated remains are shown the same respect as the body of a Christian; the vessel they are contained in, as well as how this vessel is treated, demonstrates respect and reverence for the sacredness of this person whom we now commend to the care of God. (Diocesan newsletter)

Maranatha Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat and Family Tree Mass with Fr. Michael O'Shea Limerick and Janice & Moss Carrigg.

It will be an afternoon of Praise & Worship with Confession Mass and Adoration. This Sunday 21st May in St. Pauls Church Dooradoyle at 2.30pm.

Refreshments after.

Pentecost Sunday



Celebrate With Us
4th June at 11.15am
Pentecost Sunday

Monday 29th 7pm

Half Way House Art Exhibition
St. Augustine's Church

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Talk Series

St. Saviours Parish
Terence Albert Hall

'God Speaks'
May 25th at 7pm

Youth Ministry Team

Following up on the Core Strategic Actions named at the Diocesan Synod last year and outlined in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan the Youth Ministry Team in the Diocese will be delivering a Youth Ministry Training Programme beginning in September 2017.

The ultimate aim of the programme will be to train people from Parishes/Pastoral Areas to deliver youth ministry in their own localities. Our goal is to empower and encourage people at local level to take on leadership roles in the area of youth ministry and so the training will be very much focused on the practical elements and will offer resources and tips as well as the looking at the theory and theology. Having spent over 10 years in youth ministry we know the importance of team work and support and so we are insisting that parishes would gather teams of 4 people to participate.



Details of cost, venues, dates etc are yet to be confirmed but at the moment we are looking at a 12 week course running one night a week from September to December and including one or two Saturdays. We are currently liaising with the Institute for Pastoral Studies, Mary Immaculate College and the Redemptorists who have run youth ministry training for the last 20 years. If you are interested in attending or in finding out more please contact Aoife Walsh, Limerick Diocesan Pastoral Centre 061-400133

Charismatic Renewal Celebrates 50 Years



'I am waiting for you, all Charismatics the world over, to celebrate with the Pope your great Jubilee on the feast of Pentecost 2017, here in St. Peter's Square.'

Pope Francis

Rome Italy May 31st - June 4th

As we approach the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Golden Jubilee in 2017, and in response to the invitation of Pope Francis, here in Ireland we will celebrate this Jubilee in the Concert Hall RDS, Dublin. It will be a one-day national event of Praise, Passion & Power which will begin at 10.00am on Saturday 24th June and conclude with Mass at 6.30pm. The guest speaker will be Fr. Pat Collins CM, and the celebrant of the Mass will be Archbishop Eamon Martin. Tickets €20. Further information : Sr. Bridget Dunne 021-4251100 email nsc@iol.ie

Exam Prayer

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me.

Amen .

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