

St. Augustine's Church Limerick

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th August 2017

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Feast of Our Patrons

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, 11.15 am & 7.30pm

Confession:

Monday & Friday

10.45am—12.00 / 3.00pm—4pm

Saturday —

10.45am—12.00 / 2.30pm—4pm

Taize- Summer Break



Resumes in October

This year we are making a small adjustment to the Augustinian calendar to bring a celebrated mother and son together, St. Augustine and St. Monica.

Today the normal feast of St. Monica has been replaced by the Sunday liturgy. We cannot ignore the existence of a strong influential woman, so we are moving her in beside her son tomorrow. It gives us an opportunity to focus on a unique relationship with many resonances for our own time.

The mothers and sons of 21st Century Ireland should recognize themselves in the tensions and bonds between Monica and Augustine. Her devout concern and his restless genius gave rise to some inevitable conflict. Tomorrow the Augustinian family celebrates its spiritual roots in the values transmitted from mother to son. We invite you to share in the

extension of that relationship to Limerick 2017.



Shortly before her death, God drew them into a mystical experience (as shown above), a graced moment at a widow in the port town of Ostia outside Rome.

(Book 9, Chapter 8 of the Confessions.)

That Special Relationship

As Augustinians we owe a lot to St. Monica who gave us somebody who inspires our life and ministry, who presented us with the vision and reality of a community of friends in search of God. As a busy priest and bishop St. Augustine held on to the monastic ideal, the journey inwards to the heart and his passion for people and their problems.

With patience and perseverance his mother nurtured his genius and converted him to God's love. The world

is deeply indebted to her. Her son, through his writings, his sermons and his pastoral practice has had profound influence on the direction of theology and spirituality.



Her tears and prayers can bring new heart and hope to mothers and to parents trying to keep the communication lines open to their prodigal sons and daughters.

Come and celebrate that special relationship between mother and son tomorrow Monday at the 10.15am Festive Mass.

Thought for the Day



When Jesus presses the question, who do you say I am?, we feel him speaking to us. Naturally, we think of our faith now in the light of our own journey of life and pilgrimage of faith. How did I start out? What was my image of Jesus then and how did I relate to him? Have there been major turning point for me and can I name one or two? How have I deepened my familiarity with Jesus and who is he for me now? If I were to choose an image or a metaphor what would come to mind? If I were to explain to someone what my faith in Jesus is, what words would I use?

Prayer :

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. (Eph. 3:14-17)

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One day Workshop on Leading Public Prayer

Parishioners from across the diocese attended three Saturdays this Spring to prepare to lead week day morning liturgies in their parish. This is part of the on-going process of formation for all who lead public prayer in their local faith communities here in this diocese. Some parishioners were not able to attend these three Saturdays, or have since become involved in this ministry.

This one day training is for those who have joined parish teams leading public prayer in the community, but who have not completed the three day training last Spring.

It is an opportunity to reflect on the background/context of our morning liturgies, and its implication for how we lead liturgy (embodied, inclusive, well prepared, pastoral).

This is also suitable for:

Clergy who would like to be part of, or learn about, the formation completed so far.

Parishioners who did not attend Spring training but who will attend the 'funeral prayers' training later in the Autumn.

All are welcome but places must be booked in advance, by the parish priest or PPC chairperson, on behalf of the parish by calling 061 400133, after Sept 1st. There is no charge for this one day formation. If anyone from St. Augustine's would like to attend please give your name to Charlotte or any of the community as places are limited.

Diocesan Newsletter



The New Cosmology Birthing a New Theology



Booking Essential

"The New Cosmology: Birthing a New Theology".

There will be one day conference and reflection on "The New Cosmology: Birthing a New Theology" in the Tara Building of Mary Immaculate College on September 23rd 2017. The speaker will be Diarmuid O'Murhu MSC a graduate of Trinity College Dublin. A psychologist who has spent most of his working life in social ministry in London, a counsellor in bereavement work, AIDS-HIV counselling and in more recent times with homeless people and refugees.

The Salesian Cosmology Group who will host this event emerged six years ago amid a growing awareness of the impact of human activity on Planet Earth. They use the medium of day conferences and workshops to raise consciousness levels so that everyone can contribute to a lifestyle and a belief system that will respect our Earth's resources and ecosystems that sustain us daily. Booking Contact: Betty 087-2995004