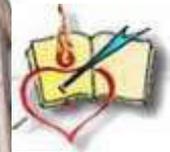


St. Augustine's Church Limerick

3rd Sunday of Advent 17th December 2017

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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 for Christmas

Monday 18th Dec -Sat 23rd

10.00am-4.00pm

TAIZE Christmas Break Will resume

Thurs 9th Feb 2018

Christmas Reflection

Christmas is of course the inspiration for the story, A Christmas Carol. The most Generous Creator of the world, The Father of us all, visits us Himself in the person of that Infant of Bethlehem. He wants to be one of us, for we matter so much to Him. And He wants to share so much with us – He wants us all to be His children, eternally. He will save us from ourselves. Oh, to have faith in that Truth can be so transforming. Thank God, it is for so many.

Faith is about taking that courageous plunge – diving from a height into into the water without hesitation, and then you know you can dive. You believe. Faith is the **Giving** of ourselves, God-like, oblivious of the cost. What a huge difference it would make if all of us were to give just that tiny bit more that costs so little: give a smile to others; give a moment's greeting; don't rush by somebody but stop for a moment; give a helping hand to someone in the queue; give a gentle word of encouragement, of appreciation, of thanks; be patient, be forgiving; make that phone call to a broken relationship; mend fences; make a visit to a house-bound neighbour, a lonely person, help with the household chores, drive less aggressively, with more care, within the speed limits; the list is endless..

...Like the Infant of Bethlehem, Christmas is about small insignificant daily actions. Little acts can mean a lot.

Let us all take the plunge this very Christmas Day: then we will **know** that Christmas is here. We will experience it.

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.

- Aesop

Sacred Space Radio

Sacredspace is a one hour Religious inspirational radio programme produced in our 'Come and See' studios in Co. Limerick. Presented by John Keily and Shane Ambrose the programme includes Music, local notices, Saints for the week, Interviews with various people on a range of faith topics, faith stories etc. We always read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel.

Presently our programme is broadcast on WLM102fm each Sunday morning at 10am and 11pm. A podcast of any programme is available on our blog – www.sacredspace102.blogspot.com. Our blog is updated on a regular basis with up to date news and faith features as well as podcasts of popular vocation interviews with various priests of the diocese which we have broadcast in the past

We are always on the lookout for new ideas and would welcome anyone interested in joining our team at Sacredspace. Please contact us by email – sacredspace102@gmail.com.



A Lourdes Christmas

St. Munchins Church
Clancy's Strand Limerick
Sunday 17th Dec at 8pm
A night of great music for the
Limerick Lourdes Invalid Fund.
Performances on the night from:
Thomond Singers, Lourdes
Musicians past & present
Thomond Primary School Choir
Coláiste na Trócaire Trad group.
No tickets, donations if desired.
All proceeds go towards the
Lourdes Invalid Fund.

World Meeting of Families Icon of the Holy Family

Will visit the Church of
the Immaculate Conception
Newcastle West

Sunday 17th -19th Dec.

This is a unique opportunity,
in a unique journey of
preparation for the World
Meeting of Families 2018

Exploring the Advent Readings

With Fr. David Kelly OSA
AUGUSTINIAN PRIORY
(Blue Door Outside)
Monday Dec 18th
At 7.30pm
Come and Join us!

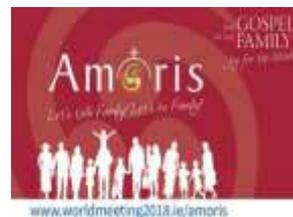
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If you would like to join us
in discussing the way
forward please give your
names to any one of the
community.

Amoris: Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

In Lent 2018, parishes and faith communities will be invited to offer a special six week programme as part of our preparation for [WMoF2018](http://www.wmof2018) In January we will offer training for facilitators. We have written to clergy and parish pastoral councils asking that parishes - and other faith communities - nominate parish facilitators this December (closing date, January 8th). The training will run in three locations, for two nights each. If you are curious or have questions - contact Noirin on 061 400133 or Sr. Caitriona at [<wmoF2018@ldo.ie>](mailto:wmoF2018@ldo.ie)



What is this 'Joy of Love' programme?

In 2016, Pope Francis wrote "The Joy of Love" (Amoris Laetitia), a document about love, marriage and family life, and now he has given Ireland a special responsibility. He has asked Ireland to host the World Meeting of Families in 2018 and to prepare for that event by offering families, parishes and groups a way of thinking about and sharing his message in The Joy of Love: that the Gospel of the Family continues to be Joy for the World.

The Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family! Programme is a response to Pope Francis' request. The programme aims to support families and parishes as we set out on the journey of preparation to the World Meeting of Families, taking place in Dublin from 21st to 26th August 2018, and to continue that journey in the years ahead.

Upcoming Events

- Why not visit the 'Live Crib' on this Sunday 17th Dec. in the village hall (new venue) Adare from 2-5pm. Let us rejoice together with 'Jesus, Mary and Joseph' and sing along with the angels.
- Limerick Art Society Exhibition at the Istabraque Hall, Limk Civic Offices City Hall from Dec 6th-22nd Dec.
- Christmas Craft Fair at the Milk Market today Sunday from 11am -4pm.
- Limerick Gospel Choir presents a Feast of Christmas Songs & Carols at St. Michael's Church Denmark St. this Sunday 17th at 5.30pm.
- Carols for the City in St. Mary's Cathedral this evening at 8pm Free.
- IFI at the Belltable showing 'It's a wonderful Life' Mon 18th at 8pm.

Christmas Services



Family Mass 5pm

Christmas Eve
Sunday, 24th December,
9.00am, & 11.15am
Family Mass at 5.00pm
Vigil Mass at 8.00pm.

Christmas Day
Monday, 25th December
Masses at 9.00am, 11.15am.
No evening Mass
St. Stephen's Day
Tuesday 26th December
Mass at 10.15am
Confessions for Christmas
Monday 18th to Sat 23rd
10.00am --4.00pm

Reminder that we are having a Family Mass at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, a convenient time for children and families. This will be a child friendly celebration which includes the creation of a Nativity Scene with full participation of the children in the various parts of the Christmas Story.

Children are invited to come at 4pm for a short rehearsal beforehand.

Volunteers needed at 3.30pm

