

**St. Augustine's Church
Limerick
23rd November 2025
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
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Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

3pm Mass of the Sick

SUNDAY

9.00am, 11.15am
& 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.45am - 12 Noon
3.00pm - 4.00pm

SATURDAY

10.45am - 12noon
2.30pm - 4pm

All Masses are
'live streamed
at St. Augustine's



St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.
Fr. John Lyng O.S.A.
Ms Geraldine van Dam
Mr. Robert Ryan
Ms Charlotte Gleeson



Kings Great and Small

The so-called *No Kings* protest movement brought millions onto the streets of America last June. They see an absolutist leaning in their present day rulers and they don't like it. The last king they had was George 111, who was shaken when they, his richest colony, defected. So badly shaken that he was known for such eccentricities as having his carriage stop, while being driven through Windsor Great Park, to converse with an oak tree, apparently under the impression that it was the King of Prussia. Yes, kings can be odd.

Louis XIV learned early in his 73-year reign that kings are divinely chosen. So, disobedience to his edicts would be sinful. That was a convenient revelation. He modestly adopted the Sun as his emblem since France would revolve around him as planets around the Sun. He built Versailles, still flag-bearer for gaudy extravagance. Kings seemed to exhibit and magnify all the human foibles with the exception of low self-esteem.

Another shining king was Musa Manza Mali. Mali is now one of the poorest of countries but Musa is believed by many to have been the richest man that ever lived. Yes, ever, anywhere. On his pilgrimage to Mecca in 1324 he had an entourage of 60,000 men. Twelve thousand slaves each carried 4 lb of gold bars and eighty camels had about a hundredweight of gold-dust each. Musa gave gold to the poor he met en route and collapsed the economy of Cairo with consequent inflation. So unrestrained was his largesse that he had to borrow his return fare. Still, he recovered and built up Timbuktu with its great mosques and university.

Some of our Augustinian priests served a parish in a kingdom described by McBride, long-serving missionary of the S.U.M church and student of customs, as "The supreme repository of the dynastic concept of divine kingship." There's a rich story behind that throne. Briefly, this: A wayfarer met the daughter of a blacksmith on the outskirts of her village. While getting him a drink of water she told the men of the village of the stranger was among them. They rushed out to see him but he had made himself invisible. They heard his voice saying he'd let them see him if they gave him the girl as wife. Impressed by the invisibility bit, they agreed. Not only that; they soon made him their priest-king because their own priests had been off-form and not producing the goods. The place prospered but shades of royal invisibility remained: the king could never be seen eating. If he had to go away on government business he lived on a diet of his own beer. Maybe this was for health and safety reasons or to preserve an aura. Or maybe he just liked the stuff. (Info from Kirke Greene: *Maiduguri and the Great Cities of Borno* (1958))

Today we celebrate a king, a divine one too, who made no virtue of grandeur or separation or invisibility or indeed of eating alone: he met and ate with anyone and everyone. No gold-laden camel train or gilded palace for him; he conducted his business from road, boat, hillside or farm. No talking to trees except to the vexatious fig. He ate, drank, walked, talked, lived and died with the common and commonest. In fact he eats when the hungry eat and hungers when they don't, pains when the sick suffer and weeps when the sad mourn. He lives after death and reigns after Calvary.

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LECTIO DIVINA

'Speak to me Lord, in this Holy Season'

Join us as we gather to hear God speak to us as we reflect and meditate on the coming Sunday Gospels of Advent through Lectio Divina. It will commence Monday 24th November and each following Monday for Advent after the 4.00pm weekday Mass at the Shrine of Our Mother of Good Counsel. Facilitated by Sr. Mary Dolora RSM and Sr. Sean Marie RSM. and should take no longer than 45min.

All are welcome

'Come Lord and dwell among us'.



Advent. "A Time of Waiting"

Silent retreat with,
reflections, quiet time,
Eucharist & Sacrament of
Reconciliation

Facilitated by Phyllis
Moynihan RSM & Bernadette
Murphy
Please bring your own packed
lunch
Tea/Coffee/snacks provided
Donation €20

Saturday, November 29th 2025
10.30 a.m – 4.45 p.m

Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre, Corbally, Limerick V94925C
Book your place by contacting Phyllis at 0879636893 or email:
moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com

Reception of Holy Communion

The Augustinian community wishes to make known that, in the interests of hygiene, our preference in distributing communion is on the communicant's hand.



Mass of Remembrance

"St. John's Hospital Staff invite you to join them for a celebration of *Mass of Remembrance* in St. John's Cathedral at 5.45pm on Wednesday 26th November 2025. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the happy repose of the souls of those who died in St. John's Hospital. Everybody welcome!" Parish Notes

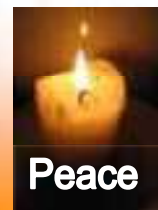
Augustinian Peace Day

Can you light a light for peace and encourage others to do so over the Advent and Christmas Season?

Our Annual Peace Day will take place, as in previous years, on the day before the First Sunday of Advent, Saturday 29th November between 1pm and 4pm. We are looking for volunteers to join us to distribute night lights and ask passers by to light them over the Advent and Christmas Season and pray for peace. World peace is an urgent need and we often feel that there is nothing we can do. We believe that it is "better to light a light than to curse the darkness"

Following the distribution of candles, there will be a short lay lead service where we will gather to pray together for peace. The more people we have, the more candles we can give out and the more people will reflect on and pray for peace in the world, in our country in our homes and in our hearts. If you are able to help please contact Geraldine at 089 2410066.

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me"



#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in **your** school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025

See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>