



## 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

### CONFESIONS

#### 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



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# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 15th February 2026

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## YES or No or Maybe

*All you need say is Yes if you mean yes, No if you mean no (Matt. 5:37)*

"The word *maybe* saves the white man from telling a lie". That was a common saying in a place we knew. If your answer was maybe, they reasoned, then whether the reality turned out to be yes or no you couldn't be accused of being wrong. (It's fair to remark that the odd plain lie did crop up there too).

I don't know who gave us the phrase "The first casualty of war is truth" but everybody believes it now. The rationale of current wars leave no doubt. The stronger the war-monger, the bigger the lie. The whole world of aggression and victimhood, attack and defence, is turned upside down and honesty is sacrificed for strategic goals, turning words into weapons.

Our relationship with truth has always been a bit a bit shaky. The old Greek Cynic, philosopher, Diogenes, was very forthright in his opinion that honesty was rare. He is said to have carried a lighted lamp when out and about during the day, insulting everyone by explaining he needed extra light because he was on a search, so far unsuccessful, to find somebody honest. He also seems to have been determined to show that honesty and popularity don't go together. Alexander the Great, son of King Philip of Macedon and precocious "conqueror of the world", made a visit to Old Onepothouse (the home address of Diogenes—he lived in a tub there) to hear what the philosopher had to say. Conversation didn't flow. The great king asked if there was any favour he might do for him. Diogenes peered over the rim of his pot and replied, "Yes, stand out of my sunlight." Another account of the visit has Alexander finding him staring at a pile of human bones and explaining, "I'm looking for the bones of your father but can't distinguish them from those of the slaves" - surely an early illustration for Shirley's *Death the Leveller*. Diogenes worked at being unpopular. And since the truth was so widely rejected he thought personal rejection a sign of virtue. So he worked at that too: he behaved abominably and dealt with people in such a way as to invite rejection. But he didn't stop there: he was once seen earnestly begging from a stone statue, exercising the art of being rejected.

It wasn't by gimmicks or artificially devised rejection that Jesus fell out of favour. It was rather because he didn't trim the truth to adapt it for the cynic who was judging him: He meant yes and he said

*Yes, I am a King.... I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth.*

*Truth, said Pilate, what is that?* and walked away. (John 18:38)

J.L.

# Lenten Reflection



Life is full of reminders of our mortality, the fragility of our hopes and dreams, our feet of clay. The Ashes of Ash Wednesday roots us to the earth and clay out of which we were formed by God and returns us to the dust of our own dying. We must not forget that there is fire in the ashes, a fire that melts, moulds and shapes us, the fire of the holy Spirit bringing us the touch of God. How do I cope with the ashes of failure, defeat and broken dreams?

**Prayer:** Lord, mould us into your image and plan. Speak to us through the cracks of our brokenness. Amen  
Source: *The Pilgrim Way 'Earthen Vessels'* by Fr. L. Ryan available at the back of the church, a lovely book for meditation at Lent.

## Ash Wednesday 18th February

Mass Times at St. Augustine's Church  
7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am,  
**1.00pm** & 4.00pm.

### Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Please note there will be an extra Mass at 1.00pm.

We invite you to join us every Wednesday following the 10.15am Mass for the Stations of the Cross beginning Wednesday February 25th.

## 'The Best is yet to come because?'

Exploring together how we can be missionaries of God to ourselves and to those who touch our lives.

**Each Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 8.30 during Lent**, six sessions of exploration of our Catholic faith will be led by Fr. Joe Hayes S.J. in the **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall**.

The sessions will begin on Tuesday February 24th. and end on Tuesday March 31st.

## Trocaire

Across Rwanda, severe storms are striking faster and more often, sweeping away homes, schools and crops before families can recover. Each season, roofs collapse, roads are cut off, children are forced out of school and families go hungry. Last year with your help, Trocaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change.

Your generosity can continue to help women and their families withstand the severe effects of climate change and build resilience for the next generation. Source: Trocaire information Leaflet  
Trocaire boxes are now available at the back of the church for takeaway. Thank you for your support.

## Safeguarding Sunday

A letter from Bishop Brendan Leahy will be read out at all Masses this Sunday. In Ireland there will be a Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse on the first Friday of Lent, 20th February.

As we enter into Lent Bishop Brendan invites you to read and reflect on his Lenten Pastoral Letter which is available on the notice board at the back of the church and also on the Diocesan website.

*'May this Lent be for each of us a season of knowing God's closeness. Let us pray for one another during this sacred season.'*

## Mother & Tots Group

Mother & Tots Group: Join us for a time of social and an opportunity for Adoration in a child friendly environment.

The Mother & Toddlers Group takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 10am-12pm, at St Saviour's Parish Church & Hall, Limerick. Entrance through glass doors on Glentworth Street.

For more details, please contact

**Lenten Desert Day**  
Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 2020  
10.30 a.m. – 4.45 p.m.

**Baptised and Sent**  
Silent retreat with Eucharist and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM & Bernadette Murphy

Please bring your own packed lunch  
Tea/Coffee/snacks provided  
Donation €20

Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre,  
Corbally, Limerick V94 925C  
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