



St. Augustine's Church Limerick The Most Holy Trinity 31st May 2026

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Mass Times

Monday-Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

Mass for the Sick

3.00pm

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 in

St. Augustine's are
'live Streamed'



St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

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Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

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In Who's Name?

In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, from Whom is all authority and to Whom, as our final end, all actions both of men and States must be referred,

That's how the text of the *Constitution of Ireland* begins. All of its thirty-eight amendments have left that preamble untouched, although it might not survive a referendum if some political party were to see votes for themselves in its deletion. In any such campaign God knows how many classes, creeds and commentators would discover themselves offended by it.

Allusions, explicit or implicit, to the Trinity are all around us, even in the tub of shamrock our Taoiseach presented to Donald Trump on St Patrick's Day. You'll see many a sign of the cross made during the imminent World Cup campaign. That campaign was set in train when Gianni Infantino President of FIFA, presented the US President with the FIFA Peace Prize, invented by himself "to recognise exceptional actions for peace and unity and somebody who has taken exceptional and extraordinary actions for peace and unity around the world"

Indeed! Many players will sign themselves with the cross, often in triplicate, as they run on to the field of play. (In a little refinement I don't understand many now bend down to touch the ground as well: maybe making a theological each-way bet, nodding to gods of the underworld as well as the ubiquitous Trinity). Goalkeepers will do so as they face the so-called sudden-death penalty just as some condemned prisoners do before they face the executioner for the more serious sudden-death penalty. Hardy boxers likewise invoke the Trinity of Love as they set out to batter one another into bloodied submission or oblivion and I've noticed Olympic high-divers make it part of their immediate preparation to take the plunge.

Beyond the arena of competitive sport the sign of the cross may be seen anywhere, before and after we eat, as we come in and go out or embark on a journey. Passers-by who wouldn't be caught dead or, given the enduring popularity of church funerals, I should say until dead, in a church, often sign themselves with the same cross as they pass by. I suppose such ambivalence or each-way betting is always part of human attitude and behaviour: I remember hearing a bishop state this rather starkly, "our people believe God is good but they think the devil mightn't be too bad either". An echo of the, probably untrue, story from the death-bed of the philosopher Voltaire where his quoted reply to the priest's question "Do you renounce Satan?" was "this is no time to be making new enemies."

So, proclamation of genuine belief in the Trinity and a cultural hangover from times gone by are often mixed together to fit the passing moment. But we'd hardly be doing it at all if we didn't have some little belief that there's some protection or power in it. And surely we wouldn't be doing it if we felt big enough and strong enough to get by on our own steam. Better than crossing our fingers. Much better than throwing salt over our shoulder.

J.L.

Thought for the Day

The Trinity is not first of all a puzzle, which in principle could be solved, but rather a mystery, a relationship which is first of all lived, never exhausted and only inadequately spoken of in words. This is true of any of the significant relationships in our lives and true, therefore, all the more so of God. Within the mystery of that relationship, we recognise God, from whom we come, in whom we live and move and have our being. We recognise the Son, the way, the truth and the life. We recognise the Spirit, who helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray as we ought.



PRAYER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie

Trinity Prayer

The Blessing of Father, Spirit, Son
Holy Trinity Three in One,
be in our meeting and our greeting,
in the worship we share
and the words of our prayer.

The blessing of Father, Spirit, Son
Holy Trinity, Three in One,
be in our living and our breathing,
that through our hearts
and our words your truth may be heard.
John Birch



NOVENA

In Honour of St. Anthony

St. John's Cathedral

Friday 5th June - Saturday 13th June

Mass each day at 10.00am & 5.45pm

Saturday 10.00am & 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

With Novena Prayers, Homily
and Blessing with Relic

St. Augustine's Church

Monday 1st June Public Holiday
Masses: 10.15am & 4.00pm
No Confessions

Thursday 11th prayers for Expectant Mothers
10am & 5.45pm

Friday 12th Prayers for the Sick 10am & 5.45pm

Saturday 13th Blessing of Lillie's 10am & 6pm

Limerick Sings International Choral Festival Friday 5th - Sunday 7th June

A wonderful weekend of song including workshops,
opening concert at UCH.

An evening of Choirs in Concert at the
Redemptorist Church on
Saturday 6th June at 8.30pm
Afternoon Proms on Sunday 7th June
At St. John's Cathedral at 4.30pm
with local & visiting choirs

**Hospice Sunflower
Days**
Thursday 11th - Sat 13th June



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TO OUR MOTHER OF
PERPETUAL HELP**

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Living Our Baptism Today

THIS YEAR'S PREACHERS

Ft. Gerry Maloney CSCF	Helena Connolly	Jim Deeds
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DAILY MASS TIMES

7:30am	10am	11:30am
6pm	7:30pm	9pm

JOIN US
Friday June 19th
to
Saturday June 27th

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- First Communion Novena Mass**
Monday June 22nd @ 11:00am
- Blessing of Families and Children**
At all Novena Masses on Sunday June 13th
- Novena Counselling Service**
June 22nd to 26th
9:00am - 11:00am
5:00pm - 8pm
Parlour 4 in the Rectory
- Quiet Time**
Join us for quiet prayer, reflections and Adoration Monday to Friday at 10pm
- Confessions Daily**
Every Sunday June 21st and Tuesday June 23rd.
Reservations for the following Masses at Knock: June 23rd @ 10:30am and 7:00am
- Blessing of the Sick and Elderly**
At all Masses on Saturday June 27th
- Brazilian Celebration**
Sunday June 27th @ 4pm
- Ukrainian Celebration**
Sunday June 27th @ 4pm