



Feast of
Corpus Christi

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 at
St. Augustine's are
'live streamed'



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7th June 2026

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Corpus Christi Procession - Fellow Travellers

Pope Leo spoke recently about the Catholic tradition of the Corpus Christi procession. That might make us think a bit about what a procession means. It made me recall one where I was an important if less than wholehearted participant. It was my first Christmas in a struggling parish and we were doing our best to mark it well spiritually and materially. On the Eve of the feast I was advised that holding a public celebration without the presence of the district Chief would be neither polite nor politic. And since I had the only motor transport in the whole district it would be expected that I pick him up and return him to his palace when he had his fill of the jollity. That made a total of four hours turbulent driving, with my resentment simmering but afraid to boil over as we bumped along the horrible road. He sat beside me tediously telling and re-telling the Ninety-Nine Names of Allah. Behind him, a lackey held his prayer-mat and kettle—each ornamented to fit his royal station. At his side another acolyte acted as air conditioner, his horsetail whisk a metronome in front of the royal face. Others stood swaying behind. First among these, His Majesty's bugler. We had to stop at each hamlet for this artiste trumpet as if 'twere the Last Trump itself. At that sound the loyal subjects along the route threw themselves into such attitudes of servility as declining agility or arthritis allowed. Behind the bugler stood a little group of praise-singers who didn't spare themselves: each time the bugler subsided they'd roar out the finest of things about Allah and, especially about the revered passenger. He was always addressed as Owner of Glory.

What was it all about? It was I think about identity. Leaders in their community, small or big, good or bad wouldn't go anywhere, or wouldn't be allowed to go anywhere, without attendants. The self-respect of the people was bound up with the importance of their leader. He was, in a way, the best of themselves. Where they came from was indicated by his family history. His family's successes were theirs. Their distinction from others was personified in their distinct leader. To sing his praise was to boost themselves. To belittle him would be to belittle themselves.

The Corpus Christi procession in Ireland does not now have the impact it once did. A road's traffic or even a town's was held up as a congregation took to the streets. The priest with the monstrance, the praise-singers and the servers and the rag-tag army of a praying community went on the march for a while. They were claiming that they had important things to say or to demonstrate. That's weakened or gone out of fashion in most places now. But maybe the old procession could tell us things that are important. The consecrated host in the monstrance was at the centre of attention and focus of the march. We need a centre to our lives and someone to follow. We are named Christian for the central person of this procession.

But we are still creatures on earth dealing with material things and depending on one another. Our procession from birth to death is not a solo voyage but a common effort. An effort sustained by the sharing of bread. So Jesus left us not just with a teaching and an example, he left us a special presence of himself in the Eucharist. This provides us with food, focus and leadership as we make our procession from our first communion to our last. Today's feast expresses our faith that Jesus is with us as we travel from our first communion to our last. A lot of life and labour went into the making of bread and the God of life saw it fitting to be recognised in its breaking. So, we celebrate Corpus Christi.

Thought for the Day



Jesus himself practised open table fellowship, to express God's unconditional love and acceptance. Before he died, he spoke words over the bread and wine, words which disclosed the meaning of his death and resurrection. When St Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the Lord's Supper, he had to remind them that the sacrament is meant to be a communion among all who celebrate it and to have a practical affect in our lives. As Benedict XVI wrote: *A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented* (God is Love).

Prayer : Lord, as we gather around your table, help us to recognise you in the breaking of the bread and in each other. May we live the communion we receive by practicing both service and reconciliation. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/readings

Augustinian Chapter 2026



Beginning tomorrow Monday the Irish Augustinian Province will gather for their Augustinian Chapter. This takes place every four years when Augustinians in Ireland meet to reflect on their ministry and make decisions about the next four years. During their absence we will have the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion each day at 7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15 and 4.00pm led by lay ministers of the Eucharist and the Word. There will be no Confessions Monday and Friday. Please keep the Irish Province of the Augustinians in your prayers.

St. John's Cathedral Novena in Honour of St. Anthony

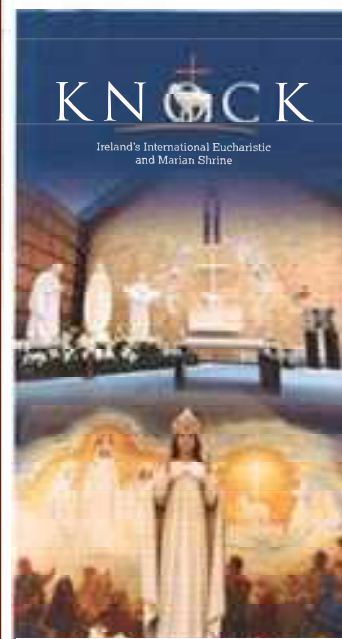


Feast of St. Anthony
Blessing of the Lillie's

Saturday 13th June 10am & 6pm

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

You are warmly invited to join us for our Annual Solemn Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, taking place from **Friday 19th to Saturday 27th June** at the Redemptorist Church, Limerick. This year's theme, *Called and Sent: Living Our Baptism Today*, invites every Catholic to rediscover the joy and meaning of their baptism as a living call to belong, to serve, and to build a welcoming Church. Six sessions are held daily at **7:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 6pm, 7:30pm, and 9pm**, with special celebrations including the Blessing of Families and Children, the First Communion Novena Mass and the Blessing of the Sick and Elderly. For those unable to attend in person, all sessions are live streamed at www.novena.ie



Augustinian Pilgrimage Knock Shrine

Saturday
July 4th 2026



Schedule of Ceremonies

- 2.00pm: Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession
- 3.00pm: Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica with Anointing of the Sick

Explore Knock Shrine:

- Exposition: daily in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Self-Guided Audio Tours available
- 'The Ark' Children's Club available in The HU
- Guided Prayer Sessions in the Prayer Centre
- 100 acres of landscaped gardens to explore
- Resources to enrich and inspire at Knock Bookshop

Highlights include:

- VISIT THE APPARITION CHAPEL
- SEE THE APPARITION MOSAIC
- VISIT KNOCK MUSEUM (Admission Free)

Bus will leave from
Roches St. Bus Stop
at 9.00am
Tickets available at
Abbey Bookshop €20
From Monday 8th



International Choral Festival Limerick Sings

Afternoon Proms
Sunday 7th June
St. John's Cathedral at 4.30pm
With Local & visiting choirs

Limerick Garden Festival
Sunday June 21st at 11am
Limerick Milk Market