



Mass Times

Monday -Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
3.00pm

Mass for 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

Bank Holiday
Monday 26th Nov.
Mass Times
10.15am & 4.00pm
No Confessions



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Going, Gone. What Then?

The second resembles it. You must love your neighbour as yourself. (Matt 34:39)

At 2 o'clock this Sunday morning some babies were born and some people died. An hour later in the same place other babies were born and other people died, at 2 o'clock. The little human conceit called *daylight saving time* is responsible for any apparent puzzle there. I knew a place where older men would make an appointment by pointing a finger to a specific area in the sky saying *when the sun is there I'll be here*. No thought of daylight saving time there; the sun came up and the sun went down and, as Danny Healy Rae said of the weather, only God Almighty above was in charge of it. Of course the mechanical or electronic timepiece is a valuable facilitator of human dealings even if sometimes it can be a flagship of frivolity too. Some wrists are dragged down by watches worth—a doubtfully valid use of that word — hundreds of thousands in whatever coin you like. And our nation dabbled in some eccentric time-keeping too; as the 1990s seeped away our National Lottery installed what they modestly called *the most beautiful and astonishing clock in the world* - the Millennium Countdown Clock - submerged in the River Liffey. It cost £250,000 and would count down every one of the 119.77 million seconds left till the arrival of the great year 2000.

Ten thousand people including the Minister for Finance turned up to see the clock switched on to the accompaniment of a gigantic fireworks display with the whole show being relayed live on the Late Late Show. They were told *every 30 seconds the clock will send out recorded sounds of Dublin life - the clank of Guinness barrels on pavements, foghorns in the bay, seagulls' cries and the calls of Moore Street traders*. So far so good but the device ticked away for a mere couple of hundred thousand seconds before as they delicately put it, it became *plagued by the issue of visibility* or, for the layperson, it couldn't be seen. So it came to be called the *Chime in the Slime* and took its place beside its siblings the *Floozie in the Jacuzzi* and the *Tart with the Cart*. It did continue to mimic barrels on pavements, foghorns, seagulls cries and calls of Moore Street traders but indignant Dubs asserted that you didn't need a quarter-of-a million-quid clock to hear sounds of Dublin in Dublin.

After three days the sounds stopped and the now unseen clock went silent too. In fact it had gone. The National Lottery, always happier dispensing good news than bad, were kindly economical with terrible truth and said *"the temporary removal of the clock will not affect the timer in the least. It will not miss a second."* In fact it had ticked its last tock there and missed the rest of the millennium. It never came back. Whatever about the £250,000, the £10,000 prize for the winning architects was no doubt well spent, by the recipients.

The poet and songwriter Sydney Carter earthed the great commandment in his poem about the last hours of a dying man cared for in a hospice:

No revolution will come
in time to alter this
man's life
except the one
surprise of being loved

Over this dead loss to society you
pour your precious ointment, call
the bluff and laugh at the fat and
clock-faced gravity of our
economy. You wash the feet that
will not walk tomorrow

But if love cannot do it,
then I see no future for
this dying man or me.
So blow the world to
glory, Crack the clock.
Let love be dangerous

When the world is blown to glory, or wherever, and clocked time is of no more interest St Paul says three things will still stand and the greatest of the three is love. J.L.

Thought for the day

Jesus does not pluck his summary teaching from the air—he quotes from the Shema Yisrael, the great daily prayer of Judaism found in Deuteronomy 6. The second part about the love of neighbour is taken from Leviticus 18. This mission statement stands as a resounding appeal to us today. We are asked not just to believe that there is a God, but to love God. We are asked not just to respect our neighbour, but to love our neighbour. Love is not only the truth about human beings but also the truth about God, who is love itself.

Prayer : Great and loving God, your love for us is beyond what we can grasp with our minds and hearts. Let such great love for all awaken in us a true love of you and lead to authentic service of our neighbour. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings

Come Away and Rest: November Retreats at Knock Shrine

This November, you are warmly invited to step away from the constant demands of daily life and enter a space of stillness, prayer and renewal as we prepare for the Advent season.

Keeping Silence with Mary: A Centering Prayer Retreat 20th -22nd November

'Whisper of God' Advent Retreat 28th -29th November

'Come away to a quiet place' 4 day directed Retreat 7th -11th December

More information at www.knockshrine.ie/retreats

The Pope's Intention for November 2026

For the Proper use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Feast of St. Jude

The feasts of SS. Simon and Jude (Apostles) take place this Wednesday 28th October. Many people have great devotion to St. Jude who is also the patron of hopeless cases. His shrine is on the left as you enter the main body of this church.

Thank You

On behalf of Pope Leo, thank you for supporting the World Mission Collection last Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. The amount collected in St. Augustine's for Mission Sunday was €725 a big thank you to all.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

November is a time when we remember our loved ones who have died and hold them in prayer. Through our November Dead Lists which you will find at the back of the church we invite you to write the names of your departed loved ones and place them in the box provided there.



Special Remembrance Masses

will be offered for your loved ones at the 7.30am Mass each weekday, 10.15am on Saturday and 9.00am on Sunday during the month of November.

Prayer to St. Jude

St. Jude, I come to you in my need, resting on the promise that nothing is impossible to God.

~ free me from the feeling of helplessness

~ turn my anxiety into hope

~ put new heart into my life

~ give me strength of spirit for the things that cannot be changed, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

I bring my request to you (mention it here).

Take care of my family and friends, and especially those with problems.

Give me peace of mind and strength of spirit.

Teach me compassion for the pain of others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

St. Jude, Saint of the Impossible & Hopeless cases pray for us.

Mass Times - November 1st Feast of All Saints

**Next Sunday 1st November is the
Feast of All Saints**

Masses at St. Augustine's

9.00am, 11.15am & 7.30pm

Feast of All Souls

Monday, 2nd November

is the Feast of All Souls

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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