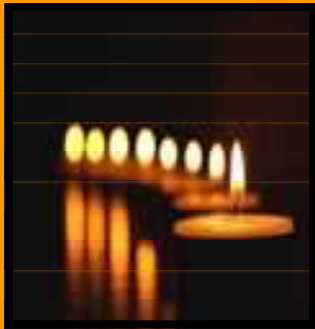




Mass Times

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 are 'Live
Streamed at
St. Augustine's

All Souls Day Monday 2nd November

Mass Times:

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4.00pm

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

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Mr. Tom Walsh



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The Quick and the Dead

Happy those who mourn, they shall be comforted. Matt 5:5

In these days we will see a liturgical concentration on *All Saints* and the *Faithful Departed*, and only a much better man than me can tell the difference between the two.

In "*The Weaver's Grave*" Seamus O'Kelly describes Cloon na Morav: "*The ground was billowy, grotesque. Several partially suppressed insurrections—a great thirsting, worming, pushing, and shouldering under the sod—had given it character. A long tough growth of grass wired it from end to end. Nature, by this effort, endeavouring to control the strivings of the more daring of the insurgents of Cloon na Morav*" (We all knew those graveyards before councils told us to bury in straight lines in flat fields, or go up in smoke and away on the wind).

It was commonly accepted that the inhabitants of graves were dead, but in a way alive—capable of "insurrection" that could change the shape of things. Whistling past the graveyard is a metaphor for someone trying to take lightly what cannot be taken lightly and uncomfortable at it. An unexpected sound from a graveyard at night has inspired many a high jump record or personal best in the short sprint. The sound of a escaped dog dragging his chain along a country road on a dark night had power to convince the most sceptical of an otherworld; indeed it may have precipitated some transitions across that hard border via fright-induced coronary.

Graveyards were important. Praying for the dead was a strong thread tying each generation to the one gone before. It was a healthy thing even if it sometimes took unhealthy forms. Family members were assigned particular relatives and neighbours who might need a number of good deeds and prayers for the a final push past a pernicky Peter. The measuring stick used to make these calculations was not seen or understood but as October faded into November church and cemetery were kept busy in this noble cause. To the modern world the purpose of these memorials is not so clear. The dead haven't died but "passed" and associated sentimentality is short-lived leaving the biblical *great cloud of witnesses* forgotten but not gone. Spirituality without religion is loudly professed by many who have a public platform. Commerce which long ago turned the beauty of Christmas into money now makes Hallowe'en a lucrative festival of ugliness. Supermarkets and shops advertise and sell the useless and the grotesque. Plastic skeletons struggle out of graves in suburban gardens. Slimy cobwebs too ugly for the most incompetent spider drape houses worth a million. Here and there neck-tied cadavers swing from impromptu gallows. Grotesque masks mar the streets of every town.

We don't have to worry about distinguishing saints from souls. But we should worry if we forget those who went before us or grow careless of all who come after. We're part, hopefully a useful link, of the human chain. We do try to distinguish between the hallowed and the hollow between integrity and fakery..

Jesus was in no hurry to the cemetery at Bethany, he let days pass before going near Lazarus's grave. The calendar of graveyard events differs from that outside the walls. The clocks going an hour back or forward couldn't matter less to the occupants. Bethany and the Potter's Field, Mount St Lawrence and Mount St Oliver are all of a kind. Lazarus, the son of the widow, Jairus's daughter, our parents and ourselves are, like the occupants of Cloon na Morav, all aspiring insurgents. This Cloon is a field not to be forgotten. Peaceful rest to everyone. Happy Hallowe'en. Have fright-free fun. J.L.

Candles & Incense

When we cannot find words for death and tragedy simple rituals can say something for us. Strength and consolation can come from the lighting of a candle, a name on the November Dead list or a bunch of flowers on a grave. Confession helps to heal difficult memories and enables us to celebrate the good ones. Masses for the dead can draw us into the movement of death and resurrection that is so much part of the human story. A body honoured with incense and holy water blesses our brokenness and repairs bonds. Wakes in homes are becoming rare in towns and cities. They survive in parts of rural Ireland. The negatives and positives of home or funeral parlour continue to be discussed. The practical support of friends and neighbours around the home is wonderful and needed. Every family and every individual has his or her way of dealing with shock and anguish.



Prayer: God of hope thank you for the special people I am remembering during this month. Walk with me in my dark moments of grief and loneliness. May I draw strength from the flickering candles of my faith. Restore my trust in the care of God and the hope of the Risen Christ.

Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at -

volunteer@irishcancer.ie

The feedback we receive from patients that have relied on the Transport Service in the past is heart-warming and underlines the need of its existence. We would be extremely grateful for your support, as it will help us to continue supporting those who are impacted by cancer. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Thank You

We at Missio Ireland extend our thanks to the parishioners of St Augustine's Priory, for their generosity on Mission Sunday. An amount of €725 has been received, for which we are very grateful. The support of each parishioner who donated to this worthy cause is very much appreciated. With kind regards & best wishes.

Grow Mental Health- Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues with connection, hope and identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth. Contact Celia 086-1526966/ Sarah 086-1037856

Annual Remembrance Service

University Maternity Hospital Limerick will host its Annual Remembrance Service at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Ennis Road, Limerick
Sunday 8th November at 3.00pm

Remembering our babies today & always.



MARANATHA PRAYER MINISTRY
"Come Lord Jesus"
PRAYER RETREAT
Sunday, 8th November 2026
2.30 – 5.00 PM
Crescent Shopping Centre Oratory
Dooradoyle, Limerick
V94 F5C7
Confessions with Fr. Jason
Talk on the Word of God
Praise & Worship
Holy Mass – 4:00 PM
All are welcome
Contact Maura: 085 733 8617

SHOEBOX REMINDER!



Reminder that the deadline for the completion and return of your Shoebox gifts is 10th November. Drop them into the Abbey Bookshop or the Pastoral Office (blue door outside between railings). Thank You.