

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 live streamed at St. Augustine's



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22nd November 2026

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Divine Kingship

The kings and queens are mostly gone now, even if the recent NO KINGS movement in the USA expressed a fear that they might be coming back. Kings have been like the rest of us: good and bad, and many mad. Several have claimed that they held their position by divine right. They often had the support of church leaders and theologians for this convenient doctrine. In any case it didn't always do much for the welfare of their subjects or their own sanity.

The divine Emperor Nero was a lover of the arts. He forced senators to sit for hours listening to his compositions as he played the lyre. He introduced poetry to the Olympic Games and won the gold medal himself. That particular Olympic event was discontinued thereafter, leaving Nero as its leading gold medallist for all time. But he kept an eye on other matters too and kicked one of his wives to death after murdering another in a, as seen by some, more humane manner.

Charles VI ruled France at the time of the Agincourt disaster. Among his many merry japes was to cover himself and his attendants with pitch (tar) to attend a wedding. Four of his company combusted there and four heaps of ash decorated the banqueting hall while festivity was in full swing. In fairness there may be some evidence that Charles had some leaning towards transparency and some awareness of personal fragility: he was prone to the delusion that he was made of glass and could shatter at any time.

Louis XIV modestly took the Sun as his emblem since France revolved around him as do the planets around the sun. Early in his seventy-three year reign it was revealed to him that kings are divinely chosen. So, disobedience to his edicts would be sinful. That was a good start. The Sun King made things too hot for the Huguenots. (One result was Church Street in Cork with its tidy little cemetery. Another was Henri de Massue, (later Earl of Galway) who was a prominent French Huguenot soldier, diplomat, and leader of Protestant refugees in Britain and Ireland. He joined King William III's forces. He received the titles of Baron Portarlington and Viscount Galway in 1692 and played a major role in settling the Huguenot exiles. He was given little credit in Jonathan Swift's portrait, *"A deceitful, hypocritical, factious knave – a damnable hypocrite of no religion"*). Louis built the palace of Versailles, still the epitome of gaudy extravagance.

George III of England was another of those who "don't be well". Hence some odd behaviour. He was known to order his carriage to stop in Windsor Great Park while he popped out to have a chat with an oak tree, apparently under the impression it was the King of Prussia.

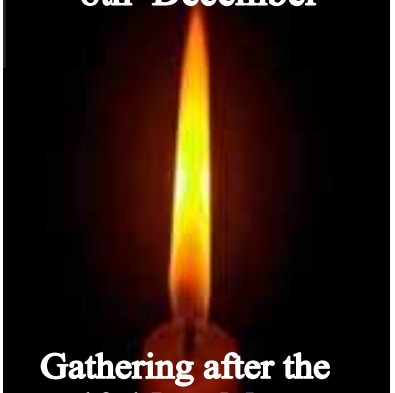
Today we celebrate a king, a divine one too, who had no tendency to settle problems violently. He made no virtue of superior appearance or separation or of shortcut to wealth or comfort. For company he did not select recognised influencers. The only tree he talked to was the fig. He ate, drank, walked, talked, lived and died with the rest. And now he eats when the hungry eat, aches when the sick suffer and weeps when the poor mourn. He lives after death and reigns after Calvary. J.L.



Fools, for I also had my hour.
One far fierce hour and sweet.
There was a shout about my ears.
And palms before my feet.

Light a Candle for Peace

Tuesday
8th December



Gathering after the
10.15am Mass
Service at 3pm
St. Augustine's Church

If you would like to
get involved
Contact Geraldine
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The image of the king is a foundational metaphor in the Bible, which in ordinary usage suggests power and glory. But even in the ancient biblical tradition, there are two significant modifications. According to an Old Testament vision, a king is meant to be a shepherd to his people, a true shepherd who cares for and who knows and even loves his sheep. According to a New Testament vision, Jesus our king rules paradoxically by loving service, humility and the gift of himself. This example and teaching of Jesus have lost none of their power.

PRAYER Wake us up, O God, and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person, each day of our lives. Amen. Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday readings

St.Augustine's Church Lectio Divina

'Speak to me Lord, in this Holy Season'

Join us as we gather to hear God speak to us as we reflect and meditate on the coming Sunday Gospels of Advent through Lectio Divina.
It will commence Monday 23rd November and each following Monday for Advent after the 4.00pm weekday Mass at the Shrine of Our Mother of Good Counsel. Facilitated by the RSM sisters
and should take no longer than 30min.
All are welcome!

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer Group

St Joseph's Monthly Men's Prayer Group
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal
2nd Monday of every month
7.30pm. 1 hour
Corpus Christi Parish, Moyross V94 V2W0, Limerick
Adoration, rosary and talk.
Optional tea & chat

'Watchful Hearts' Advent Retreat Day at Glenstal Abbey December 5th

Prepare your heart for the Advent season with ' Watchful Hearts,'
A peaceful Advent retreat day set in the prayerful surroundings of Glenstal Abbey.
Saturday 5th December
10am – 4.30pm
Email: events@glenstal.com
061 621005



Upcoming Events

Georgian Christmas Fayre
The Crescent O' Connell Ave
Festive Market
Nov 21st –23rd Dec

Croom Christmas
Craft Market
Sunday 22nd Nov at 10am
Croom Sports Complex

Children's LEGO Workshop
Tue 24th Nov at 2.30pm
Watch House Cross
Community Library

Jimmy MacCarthy
Wed 25th Nov 8pm UCH
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Camino de Santiago 2027 - Update

We have an update from our agent, Marian Pilgrimages, in relation to this trip. Our dates are 30th August to 6th September, 2027. We will be walking/ travelling the Camino Engles .
The cost of the trip is E1,365 per person sharing. Single rooms carry a supplement of E395, bringing the cost to E1,760. All breakfasts and two evening meals, flights, guide and bus each day are included.
We will be staying in the 4 star Merriot Hotel (or similar) for four nights in Ferrol and in the San Lorenzo 3 star hotel in Santiago, which is of a very high standard and very central.
I will advise when bookings are open under "Camino for Seniors and Searchers". If you need further information please contact Geraldine at 089 2410066