

St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

3rd Sunday of Easter 10th April 2016

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Pope Francis Blesses the Synod

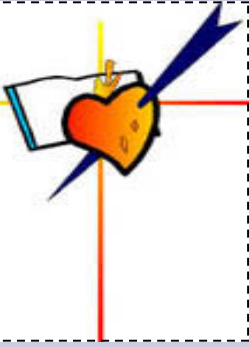


www.Synod2016.com (Picture)

The diocese of Limerick received an important papal boost on Monday last when an official blessing from Pope Francis was presented to Bishop Brendan Leahy by the Papal Nuncio to Ireland. Pope Francis' blessing was handed over to Bishop Brendan who convoked the Synod in late 2014, by Archbishop Charles Brown (above) on a visit to Limerick four day ahead of the commencement of the Synod. The Papal Blessing was sent by the Vatican's Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of the Pope.

It states: 'The Holy Father was pleased to be informed of the celebration of the Diocesan Synod and has asked me to assure the participants of his spiritual closeness during these days of community prayer, deliberation and discernment.' 'His Holiness invites those present to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ and his church in the light of God's mercy: 'the bridge that connects God and man, opening hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness (Misericordiae Vultus, 2). He trusts that all will be attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit through personal and liturgical prayer to better discern God's will in the life of the local church.' 'With these sentiments and entrusting the people of the Diocese of Limerick to the maternal intercession of Mary, Mother of the church, his Holiness willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and joy in the Lord.'

www.catholicireland.net (text)



Mass Times

Monday –Friday
7.30 am, 8.30am,
10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday
8.30am, 10.15am
3.00pm
(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday
9.00am, 11.15am,
Evening Mass
7.30pm

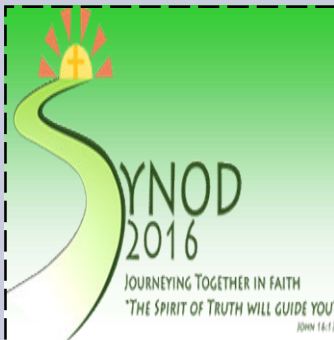
Confession

Monday, Wednesday
&Friday

10.45 am–12.00
3.00pm– 4.00pm

Saturday

10.45 am –12.00
2.30pm –4.00pm



Synod Closing Mass

Sunday 10th at 7pm
St. John's Cathedral

Our closing Mass will not be an ending but a sending forth - a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit in our diocese.

So this will be a special event that all are invited to come and join us, hear the good news and be inspired!!

Opening Mass of the Synod

The Limerick Diocesan Synod, which was officially opened in St. John's Cathedral, last Sunday April 3rd Bishop Brendan Leahy said it was a time for reigniting hope and new beginnings for the church across the Diocese.

In his homily addressing delegates, Bishop Brendan quoted a text from an ageing Carlo Carretto, a member of the Little Brothers of Jesus, an order inspired by the spirituality of Charles de Foucauld:

'How baffling you are, my church, and yet how much I love you! You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe more to you than to anyone. I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence. You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness. Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false, yet never have I touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful. Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face – and yet, every night, I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms! No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even if not completely you. Then too – where would I go? To build another church? But I could not build one without the same defects, for they are my defects. And again, if I were to build another church, it would be my church, not Christ's church. No, I am old enough, I know better.'

Bishop Leahy said that the Synod is a chance for the whole Diocese to take significant steps to "help us begin together again in mission".

Full homily available on www.synod2016.com



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Our delegates and people, from all corners of the diocese have been on the Synod journey over the past sixteen months. We have prayed, discerned, gathered, shared, discussed, laboured over questionnaires, themes and proposals so that collectively we can shape the church of today for future tomorrows. We know that tomorrow is not far away, it is knocking at the door and we are now compelled to put our discernment into action guided by the Spirit whose Church it is. Let us pray during this weekend with hope in our hearts, that God's Spirit will be with us to encourage and inspire us. You are invited to join us for our Closing Mass of the Synod this Sunday evening at 7.00pm in St. John's Cathedral as we journey

together supporting and praying with each other.

Reflection: In My Journeying

In my journeying with you, may I never lose my sense of direction,
Never lose sight of the landmark, towards which I travel.

And should cloud or rain obscure my vision,

May I draw closer to you,

So that my feet may tread in your footsteps,

Your words be my encouragement

And your love my protection against the storms that assail me.



MARANATHA

Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat & Family Tree Mass with

Fr. John Walsh Limk & Janice and Moss Carrig
Newcastlewest

On Sunday 17th April
at 2.30pm

in St. Paul's Church
Dooradoyle

All are welcome!

Notice:

This Sunday at the request of

Bishop Brendan Leahy there will be only one Mass (9am) in St. Augustine's.

This is to facilitate events surrounding the Diocesan Synod this weekend.

There will be NO 11.15am or 7.30pm Masses this Sunday Only!

Monastic Experience

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Monastic Experience Day on Saturday, 9th of April 2016 from

10.00 am to 5.00pm.

The days are designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life.

To book a place contact

poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com