



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

LIMERICK

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2nd April 2017

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'Thank You for the Music'



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

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Continues every
Thursday at 5pm

St. Augustine's Church Stations of the Cross

You are invited to
join us after the
10.15am Mass on
**Wednesday's &
Friday's for the
Stations
of the Cross.**



We extend a special word of thanks and appreciation to the girls of Greenhills Presentation College Drogheda whose choir and orchestra led the music at our liturgy last Sunday. By common consent their performance was outstanding. The youthful vivacious and enthusiastic atmosphere was palpable. It was marvellous to welcome our Boyneside friends to Shannonside. While here our guests also managed a delightful tour of Co Clare taking in the phenomenal experience of the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren. As luck would have it last weekend we were blessed with the rather unique experience of dawn to dusk sunshine. A great occasion for all concerned and again a special word of thanks to our friends from the "wee county".

Fr Iggy O'Donovan OSA

On Thursday last we also hosted the St. Charles High School Choir from the U.S.A. at our 4pm Mass which also proved to be a great success. This choir of young students definitely lived up to their reputation as a choir of very high standards and a fantastic repertoire as was evident in their short concert after Mass. Fr. Sean Mac Gearailt made a presentation on behalf of the Augustinian Community to the choir director Mr. Dale Morgan in appreciation of their coming so far to sing at St. Augustine's with the invitation to come again should they ever be on tour.

World Meeting of Families 2018

There will be a second collection at all Masses this Sunday for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding so your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated!

Thought for Today

The historical Jesus was guarded in declaring his identity but by the time the Fourth Gospel was written, Christians had arrived at a rich understanding of the **mystery of Jesus, the Son of God. John's Gospel puts before the believer a grand assemblage of seven I AM sentences, rooted in the name of God in Exodus 3:14, I AM WHO I AM. I am the bread of life. (John 6:35, 48, 51); I am the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5); I am the gate for the sheep (John 10:7, 9); I am the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14); I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25); I am the way, and the truth, and the life (John 14:6); I am the true vine (John 15:1, 5).** We are reminded that we believe first of all in a person, not in a philosophy. Anyone one of these images would take us deeply into our encounter with the Risen Lord, none more so than **"I am the resurrection and the life."**



Prayer

Jesus, present to us always, you wept at the tomb of your friend Lazarus. As we face the mystery of death, our own and that of those we love, help us to place our trust in you, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

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Giving Up



Lenten Garden - What's that About?

At the back of church throughout Lent there has been a small area which is meant to remind us of the wilderness where Jesus spent 40 days.....the same length of time as our Lent.

Each week a suggested Lenten practice appears beside each of the letters of GARDEN –

G iving up, going without

A iding others with alms (Trocaire?)

R enewing discipleship

D eepening prayer

E ntering the mystery (of Holy Week)

N? Do you have any suggestions for the last week?

Parkinson's Awareness Week 4th -11th April

Parkinson's Awareness Week will run from 4th to 11th April 2017 and as part of this the Mid-West Branch of the Parkinson's Association will hold a **Fundraising Coffee Morning at Bobby Byrne's Wolfe Tone Bar, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, on Thursday 6th April next from 9.30am to 11.30am.** The Branch depends entirely on the support and generosity of the public, for its funding.

There are almost 700 people in the Mid-West who suffer with Parkinson's disease. The Mid – West Branch is run by voluntary effort so all monies raised are used in the provision of services for patients.

The services include information meetings addressed by Guest Speakers with **specialist knowledge of Parkinson's disease; Physical Therapy, Hydrotherapy and Speech Therapy** through the medium of signing.

The support of the Public would be greatly appreciated on the 6th April at Bobby's. All are welcome.

Chrism Mass

On Wednesday 12th April Bishop Brendan Leahy will be joined by the priests of the **diocese to celebrate the Chrism Mass in St. John's Cathedral at 7.00pm.** This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here Bishop Brendan blesses three oils– the oil of catechumens , the oil of the infirm and holy chrism-which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to you to attend this Mass.

Lenten Scripture Session

Our Lenten Scripture Sessions continue every Tuesday in the Priory (Blue Door) at 7.30pm

