



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 12th February 2017

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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

Memorial Mass

For those who have been touched by Suicide

Once again recent family tragedies have lead to some soul-searching about the quality of life in our contemporary Ireland. Confronted with the disturbing mystery of suicide we desperately try to reassure ourselves with reasons for this alarming phenomenon in recent years. The alarming statistics and the reasons for suicide have been endlessly rehearsed. The saddest of funerals have been celebrating too many young lives. At most of those heartbreaking religious services the point has been made about looking out for each other, being alert for the troubled mind in all age groups and time to listen.

Next Sunday 19th February here in St. Augustine's we will host a special Mass at 11.15am in support of all members of the community who have been touched in any way by the tragedy of suicide. The Curraghgower Singers with their director Mr. Tim Schinnick will sing the Liturgy.

We would like to invite those remembering loved ones to bring pictures or mementos which will be placed at the altar. There will be many groups represented and during this morning service we will be invited into a bright space as witnesses to the truth that everything else may pass away but love remains.

A BLESSING FOR ABSENCE

By John O'Donoghue



May you know that absence is full of tender presence
and that nothing is ever lost or forgotten.

May the absences in your life be full of eternal echo.

May you sense around you the secret elsewhere which
holds the presences that have left your life.

May you be generous in your embrace of loss.

May the sore of your grief turn into a well of seamless presence.

May your compassion reach out to the ones we never hear from and
may you have the courage to speak out for the excluded ones.

May you not disrespect your mystery through brittle words or false belonging.
May you be embraced by God in whom dawn and twilight are one and may your
longing inhabit its deepest dreams within the shelter of the Great Belonging.



Church Gate Collection

The annual church gate collection in aid of Milford Hospice will take place at all Masses this Sunday 12th February

Sunday 19th February

God is Love



MARANATHA Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat and Family Tree Mass with Fr. Michael O'Shea Limerick, and Jose Sehion U.K. With Mass, Confession, and Worship this Sunday **19th Feb** at 2.30pm in **St. Paul's Church Dooradoyle.**

Tea After in the hall.

Thought for Today

It is clear already in the Old Testament that it is not our misdeeds which accuse us before God, but our hearts, fractured and divided as they are. Consistent with Israelite teaching, Jesus insists that we go deeper than our external deeds. The important question is what is going on in our hearts, the source of inner thoughts and motivations? The teaching is presented using various examples, presented sometimes with great simplicity, other times with irony and wit.

Prayer

O God, you read our hearts and you know us even better than we know ourselves. Let us trust your knowledge of us and your call to true conversion of heart, for you desire only our good that we may be both whole and holy. Tarsus.ie

Lenten Scripture Sessions

Coming so soon after Christmas the season of Lent is taking us by surprise this year. Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st, with Easter Sunday on April 16th.

We give you advance notice of our Lenten Scripture Sessions beginning here in St. Augustine's Priory (Blue Door) on Tuesday **28th February** at **7.30pm** and every consecutive Tuesday during Lent. This is a wonderful way to gather together, meet new friends to explore the Sunday Readings and Gospels throughout Lent. However these are not lectures or fancy presentations but rather focus points for discussion and sharing of insights with offerings by Fr. Sean and Patricia Cahill.

All are welcome. No special qualifications in Scripture study needed. Just a simple application of God's Word of love to your life. Tea & Coffee served afterwards.



Synod: Engaging with the Pastoral Plan

Now that the Synod is complete and the Diocesan Pastoral Plan is launched, now that all has been presented to Pope Francis in Rome this January: ... now how do we proceed? Fr Eamonn Fitzgibbon, Rose O'Connor and Noirin Lynch were on the road this week encouraging Parish Pastoral Councils to engage with the new diocesan pastoral plan. Some key points

- This is a ten year plan. Our initial challenge is to build capacity, to help each parish and pastoral area to have people trained and available to lead the new ideas you asked for.
- Every parish is unique so each Council is being asked to choose from the menu of options offered, according to needs and skills available.
- The role of the pastoral council is not to do everything. In many cases, its job is to identify people it might send for training - in youth ministry courses, faith formation courses and liturgy leadership courses that will be offered.

Our first night in the South Court Hotel last Tuesday saw about 90 people from across the city and county engaging in discussion and debate. It was really interesting and positive!

Valentine Prayer

I send a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above
To fill your heart and bless your soul with the precious gift of love.

I asked him for sincere love, the kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love you give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend.

Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.



U.L. Chaplaincy

UL Mindfulness Meditation

All are welcome to join us in UL Contemplative Centre on Wednesdays for a lunchtime moment from 1-2pm on Mindfulness Meditation with

Lonán Ní Dhubháin

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