

# AUGUSTINIAN CHURCH LIMERICK

## Third Sunday of Lent 28th February 2016

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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

Confessions  
Monday –Friday  
10.45 am –11.45am  
3.00pm – 4.00pm  
Saturday  
10.45 am –11.45am  
2.30pm –4.00pm

**Limerick Diocese**  
24 Hours for the Lord  
**Augustinian  
Church**  
Beginning  
**Friday 4th March** after the 4.00pm  
Ending  
**Saturday 5th**  
with the 3.00pm  
Mass for the Sick

You are invited to  
sign up on a Rota Page  
at the back of the  
church.

Simple Prayer for  
the Year of Mercy

‘Lord, I am a  
sinner.  
Come with your  
mercy...’

Pope Francis

## God Rich in Mercy

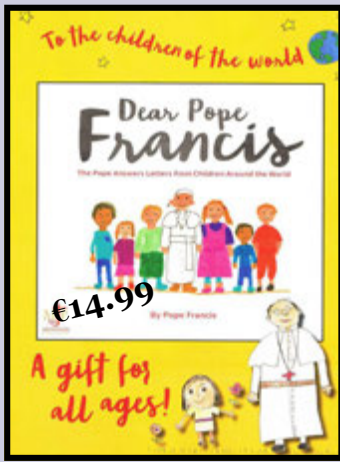
In his 2016 Lenten message Pope Francis has asked that “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience **God’s mercy**”. By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative “**24 Hours for the Lord**”, I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God’s word, especially his prophetic word. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand. For this reason, during the season of Lent I will send out Missionaries of Mercy as a concrete sign to everyone of God’s closeness and forgiveness. “Never forget this: The Lord never gets tired of forgiving us. It is we who get tired of asking for forgiveness”.



## 24 Hours for the Lord

In this context Bishop Brendan Leahy has invited the Augustinians to participate again this year with the diocese in this initiative. Beginning in the Augustinian Church **Friday 4th March after the 4.00pm Mass ‘24 hours Adoration for the Lord’ will commence. It will end on Saturday 5th March with the anointing of the Sick at the 3.00pm Mass.** Priests from the Diocese, religious communities, and parishes will be invited to get involved and commit to giving some-time for adoration. There will also be priests available throughout the 24hrs for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are also invited to give, if you can some time to this Diocesan initiative and there is a rota page available at the back of the church which you can sign if you would like to commit some time to this ‘24 hours Adoration for the Lord’. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to experience the merciful love of God.





# Dear Pope Francis

This is a wonderful new book released and published by Messenger Publications 'Dear Pope Francis'. Children have questions and struggles just like adults, but rarely are they given the chance to voice their concerns and ask the big questions resting deep in their hearts. In this book Pope Francis gives them that chance and celebrates their spiritual depth by directly answering questions from children around the world. Some are fun. Some are serious. And some will quietly break your heart. But all of them are from children who deserve to know and feel God's unconditional love. This book is available in the Abbey Bookshop.

## Small Children Have Big Questions



Why are there not as many miracles anymore?

What did God do before the world was made?

Do bad people have a guardian angel too?

### Prophetic Voices Past & Present

Tuesday 1st March  
Angela Merkel-  
A Voice for Justice  
With  
Michael Commane  
Dominican  
Teacher & Preacher  
**Dominican Hall**  
**7.30pm**

### Recruiting Musicians & Singers For the Sunday 11.15am Mass

**Come and join us**

Christian Meditation &  
Prayer Sessions  
Convent of the  
Franciscan Missionaries  
Of Mary  
Castlevew Gardens  
(back of St. Munchin's  
Church) Clancy Strand  
each Thursday evening  
at 7.30pm.

### Irish Blood Transfusion Service



Blood Donor Clinic  
St. John's Pavilion  
Mulgrave St.  
Wednesday 2nd March  
5pm--- 8pm

## Fr. Bill Celebrates

On Thursday last we celebrated with great joy at the 10.15 am Mass the Diamond Jubilee (60 years) of Fr. Bill Prendiville ordination.

Con-celebrating with Fr. Bill was Fr. Noel Hession (Prior), Fr. Jerry Hickey, Fr. Sean Mac Gearailt, Fr. DeoGratias and Bro. Michael Danaher.



Fr. Bill originally from Castleisland Co. Kerry took his Solemn Profession as an Augustinian in 1952 and was ordained in 1956. He was a teacher in the Augustinian Colleges of New Ross and Dungarvan and also a chaplain to St. Patrick's Hospital Dublin. We congratulate Fr. Bill Prendiville on this very special occasion and wish him continued good health and long life.

## Synod Update

For the past 10 days Synod delegates - clergy and lay - have met across the diocese to prepare particular proposals for particular themes. Hundreds of delegates travelled from across the diocese to name, prioritise and develop proposals which will be brought to the Synod to be voted on in April. Its an exciting and important moment in the life of this diocese.



### Well Done Katie



Katie Whelan has been named as Limerick Person of the Year for 2015. The 19 year old was nominated for the Lisa's Lights initiative, which saw life-affirming messages placed on Thomond Bridge. Katie was honoured for her determination in highlighting the importance of positive mental health after losing her first cousin to suicide.