

150 Years Jubilee



### 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

**No Confession**  
Tuesday & Thursday

### St. Augustine

Find out how much  
God has given you  
and from it take what  
you need;  
the remainder is  
needed by others.



# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th January 2016

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## 150th Jubilee of Mother of Perpetual Help

On June 22nd 2016 Redemptorists worldwide will celebrate the **150th** Anniversary of Pope Pius IX entrusting the icon of our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorist with the mission to '*make her known*'.

As part of the celebrations to mark this anniversary of the veneration to the Icon of 'Mother of Perpetual Help' Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin on Monday launched a jubilee pilgrimage which will see the popular icon visit every Cathedral in the country between April and May.

This beautiful icon of the Mother of Perpetual Help arrived in Rome in the 15th Century after a merchant who had heard about a miraculous image on the Island of Crete. When he arrived in Rome with the Icon he fell very ill. Our Lady appeared to this man and told him that she wished for her image to be placed in a church between the two very large churches of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. So the Icon was enshrined in 1499 to the Church of St. Matthew's which lies between these two churches.

Pilgrims flocked to the small Augustinian church for 300 years to pray before the miraculous image, until Napoleon's army destroyed the church in 1798. The image had been safely transferred to an Augustinian monastery near Rome. This broke with a tradition of public veneration going back to 1499 when the Icon was first venerated in St. Matthews. In 1865 the Redemptorist built a new church to Saint Alphonsus on this same site and now the time had come for the Icon to come out of obscurity. On December 11, 1865, Fr. Mauron obtained an audience with Pope Pius IX and laid the matter before him. After hearing the story, the Pope was convinced that it was God's will that the icon again be given public veneration in the location specified by the Blessed Virgin. According to tradition, this was when Pope Pius IX told the Redemptorist Superior General: "Make her known throughout the world!" The Augustinians though sad to see the picture leave their monastery, they rejoiced to see it returned to the place where the Blessed Virgin desired it to be honoured.

Fr. Seamus Enright CSsR, Rector of Mount St. Alphonsus in Limerick and Chair of the 150th Jubilee Celebrations continues: The Irish connection was restored in December 1867 when one of the first copies of the Icon to be made was received in Mount St. Alphonsus, then the only Redemptorist church in the country. It was from Limerick that devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help spread in time to new Redemptorist communities, first in Dundalk and then Belfast as well as to churches and homes throughout Ireland. 'The spread of devotion from Limerick shows how faithfully Irish Redemptorists have taken the mandate of Blessed Pope Pius IX'.



150 Years

## Meditation

6 weeks Evening Course with Learning to Exhale starts  
Monday 1st February  
At Limerick  
Education Centre  
Contact  
Suzanne 087 1929067

## Pilgrimage to Rome

For the special Year of Mercy September 28th to October 2nd 2016  
Led by Bishop Brendan Leahy  
€799

**Pilgrimage to Rome**  
Diocese of Limerick  
Led by Bishop Brendan  
**Sept 28th—Oct 2nd**

Carmelite Monastery,  
Delgany, Co Wicklow

You are invited to join and celebrate the day for Consecrated Life  
On Sunday 31st January at 9.30am Mass  
Celebrant  
Fr. Tom Noonan (Carmelite)  
Refreshments afterwards  
**Icon Course**  
Given by Mihai Cucu  
For 1 week  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Beginners welcome  
Details: email  
mihaicu-cu78@gmail.com

# Jubilee Celebrations

At the launch of this anniversary, Fr. Enright said the Redemptorists have learned through their 'Annual Novenas' in Limerick and elsewhere that 'many people on this island still value the opportunity to pray together and show devotion. Devotion to the 'Mother of Perpetual Help' is important to many people here in Ireland and all around the world— and these 150th anniversary celebrations reflect this reality'.

This Jubilee Pilgrimage will begin in Limerick on the evening of **4th April 2016**. The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown will bless a new outdoor 'Mother of Perpetual Help' shrine in the grounds of Mount St. Alphonsus. The statue was carved by Seamus Murphy for the Redemptorists in 1959 and is being relocated to Limerick as part of the Jubilee Celebrations.

**The Pilgrim Icon of the 'Mother of Perpetual Help' will be taken in procession from the Redemptorists to St. John's Cathedral where Archbishop Brown will be the chief celebrant at a Jubilee Mass at 7.30pm. This will be followed by an evening of prayer and an all-night vigil.**

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## Limerick Choral Festival

The Limerick Choral Festival 2016 will begin Friday 26th February to Sunday 28th February. The Festival aims to promote the development of choral music with special emphasis on the realm of church/sacred music in the city, wider region and throughout the country. We look forward to welcoming choirs from near and far to Limerick over the last weekend in February.

As a special part of this years festival there will be a concert in St. Joseph's Church on Friday 26th February at 7.30pm with the Palestrina Choir, from St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Dublin.



Tickets now available from Abbey bookshop in the Augustinian church, Limerick, and will also be available at the door on the night.

**An Evening of Sacred Music**  
Palestrina Choir, Dublin

In association with  
**Limerick Choral Festival**

Directed by  
Blánaid Murphy

Accompanied by  
Robbie Carroll

**St. Joseph's Church**  
O'Connell Ave. Limerick

Friday, 26th February 2016  
7:30pm

Tickets: €15/€12  
www.litri.ie  
Abbey Bookshop  
On the door

## Music for our Journey

As part of City of Culture 2014, Bishop Brendan commissioned Fr Columba McCann to write a new Mass setting for Limerick. This Mass setting was first heard at the televised Easter ceremonies from St John's Cathedral that year. It is now being published and all parishes, schools and chaplaincies are invited to learn the Mass of St Ita, so that we can sing it together during our Diocesan Synod in April and then at future diocesan pilgrimages and events.

**On Thursday, January 28th, we will launch the Mass of St Ita in St John's Cathedral at 7:30pm. All welcome.**

A workshop with Columba McCann and Bernadette Kiely will follow from 8pm—9pm. Places must be booked in advance for the 8pm workshop to ensure copies of the sheet music are available for all. Please contact us at 061400133, [reception@ldpc.ie](mailto:reception@ldpc.ie) or write to LDPC, Denmark St, Limerick to reserve your free place. For questions please email [nlynch@ldpc.ie](mailto:nlynch@ldpc.ie)

We would hope this Sunday in St. Augustine's at the 11.15am to introduce one of the hymns for this coming Synod Mass in April.