

Holy Year of Mercy



*'Challenged to Proclaim
God's Mercy'*

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

200th Anniversary CBS Sexton St Limerick

There will be an
Bicentenary Mass
on Feb 7th in St.
John's Cathedral
at 12.00noon with
Bishop Brendan
Leahy
Pupils past and
present, family and
friends are all invited
to this special
celebration.

St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st January 2016

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Catholic Schools Week 2016

Catholic Schools Week is an all-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. It is a celebration of Catholic schools throughout Ireland, North and South which acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. Catholic Schools Week 2016 will take place from Sunday 31 January to Saturday 6 February 2016 on the theme "**Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy**". It is hoped that this theme will help contextualise the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in dioceses across the country in many different ways. The diocesan celebration, in whatever form it takes, serves to highlight this important week in the Catholic school calendar. It can also act as a catalyst to encourage school and local faith communities to participate more fully in Catholic Schools Week at a local level.

This year's theme is a reminder that we are celebrating an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Church. Pope Francis wants this to be the year when we all try to be merciful, just as God is merciful. Mercy is a hard thing to understand and perhaps the most difficult thing to realise about mercy is that we don't deserve it. No matter how we try we can't earn mercy. It is given to us or we give it to somebody else.



This week we are all challenged to see how we can be the face of God's mercy to each other, to our families and to our community. A special Mass will be broadcast by RTÉ on Sunday 31 January to celebrate both Catholic Schools Week and the new **Grow in Love** religious education programme for primary schools. This special Liturgy will mark the beginning of Catholic Schools Week across Ireland.

(resources) www.irishbishops.ie/catholicschoolsweek

Feast of St Blaise Wednesday 3rd Feb

There will be blessing of the throats at each of the Masses here at St. Augustine's at 7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am, & 4.00pm

Feast of St Brigid



February 1st

St. Brigid's Crosses will be available after each Mass in the welcoming area at the back of the church.

This fundraiser is organised by Brideog an Ennis based group and all proceeds go to amurt.org to feed children in Haiti. Your support would be greatly appreciated



Shannon & Dublin

Gospel Choirs Concert

Lime Tree Theatre
Saturday
6th February
8.00pm
A night of Music not to be missed!



Grandparent's Day 3rd February

To be merciful as the Father is merciful, we are invited to love unconditionally, to forgive without judgement and to live as people who believe that all are made in the image and likeness of God.

Grandparents are very often the people who display these virtues to children. The relationship children have with their grandparents is characterised by unquestioning love and support, of knowing that they will always be welcome, that there will always be a hug and a space for them to be who they really are. Grandparents are indeed the face of God's mercy for many children.



On February 3rd we celebrate the gift that grandparents are to their grandchildren. We pray for them, we give thanks for them and we ask God's blessing on them. The celebration of Grandparents' Day has quickly become the highlight of Catholic Schools Week for growing numbers of schools across the country.

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Augustinian Reflection

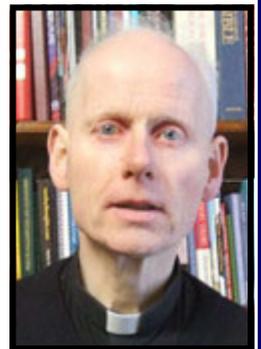
How do we find God's voice amid all the voices around us? For St. Augustine the primary way of hearing God's voice is Holy Scripture, the Word of God. While some prayer forms may call us to imagine ourselves within Scripture, for St. Augustine the words of Scripture should illuminate the decisions we make, the paths we follow, and the ways we live in companionship, friendship, and partnership.

For St. Augustine the psalms were not just the song of David. As Scripture they are also Christ, who inspired David, singing his message for us. As he lay dying, St. Augustine had the penitential psalms displayed on the walls of his room to act as a prayer aid during his last days.

augustinianvocations.org/blog-archive/2015/11/28 praying with the Augustinians

Welcome to St. Augustine's

We would like to welcome to our Augustinian community here in Limerick Fr. Seán Mac Gearailt provisionally from Ballyhaunis Co. Mayo. Fr. Seán has spent most of his life teaching in New Ross in the Good Counsel College and also working in the Augustinian Church there. We trust that the people of Limerick will extend a warm welcome to him as they have already done for generations of Augustinians in the past. We are also happy to welcome back Fr. Iggy O'Donovan who has returned from his studies in Canada. Please continue to keep us in prayer and thank you for your support for all the community here in St. Augustine's.



Lent: Scripture Reflection

WHAT WILL I DO FOR LENT? HOW WILL I PREPARE FOR EASTER?

Is there any connection between GOD'S WORD in the Sunday Mass Readings and my every-day EXPERIENCE OF LIFE?

The Gospels were written for everyone - not just a religious elite!

Come and explore with Patricia Cahill on Thursdays at 11.00 a.m. in the Augustinian basement.

We begin on February 11th (day after Ash Wednesday) for just 6 weeks.

