



# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd July 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

### Confession

Monday, Wednesday  
&Friday  
10.45 am–12.00  
3.00pm– 4.00pm  
Saturday  
10.45 am –12.00  
2.30pm –4.00pm

## *African Visit*

By Fr. Iggy O'Donovan OSA

Recently I had the opportunity to spend some weeks as a guest of our Nigerian colleagues. It was for me a steep learning curve. In the coming weeks I hope to print in our newsletter a few thoughts and reflections which have arisen from my visit.

A major part of the pastoral ministry of the Irish Augustinian Province has been in the field of the foreign missions. Indeed our foundations in Britain, America, and Australia have largely been the fruit of the efforts of Irish Augustinians. In the 1930s the Irish Province accepted an offer to open a mission in Nigeria. It was a daunting challenge. The territory involved was remote and geographically larger than all of Ireland.

By 1970 some sixty Irish missionaries were operating in Nigeria. The whole enterprise had been a resounding success. New diocese had been established, schools seminaries and hospitals had been set up. All of this presented great logistical challenges and it must be said the members of the province rose to the occasion. In all of this they were supported by dedicated teams of volunteers. Obviously great financial and material sacrifices were called for.

One vital aspect of the Augustinian project in Nigeria was the fostering of local vocations. It was providential that this vital initiative was undertaken. If in 1970

sixty Irish Augustinians were working in Nigeria it is a very different picture today. The number has been reduced to four and none of them are in the first flush of youth. Nevertheless Nigeria is a flourishing Augustinian province. It has now over one hundred members with many more in formation. It buzzes with youth and enthusiasm. New parishes and foundations are opening up and the future is so promising. And all this at a time when the "mother" Irish province appears to be on the verge of extinction. It is certainly an uplifting and encouraging experience to visit and to witness the life vivacity and optimism of a young and growing church.

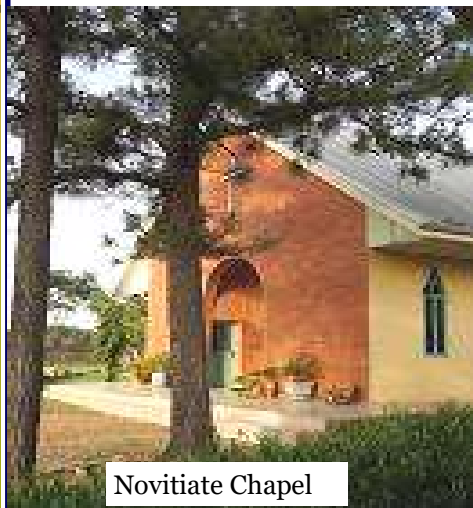


Fr. Michael Walsh OSA

Fr. Michael is one of four Irish Augustinians who work in Nigeria. A native of Knocklong Co. Limerick he entered the Augustinian Order in 1973. He was ordained in 1980. Having spent some years in Ireland and Rome the vast part of Michael's ministry has been in Nigeria. Next week we will carry some more details on his hectic and flourishing work there.



Fr. Iggy with Nigerian novices



Novitiate Chapel

## Annual Pilgrimage To Knock

The Augustinian pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sat 23rd July. The Bus will leave outside the church at 9.00am. Ticket are available in the Abbey Bookshop €15

## Migraine Association of Ireland

There will be a Women & Migraine Information Seminar

Wednesday **13th July**  
The Temple Gate Hotel  
Ennis Co. Clare  
7pm-9pm  
Contact : 1850 200 378

## Ladies Retreat Glenstal Abbey

Relax , reflect, pray and enjoy the company of others in the peaceful surrounds of the monastery.

Tue 5th or Wed 6th July  
Booking 061/621005  
cost €45



## MARANATHA Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat with Fr. Andrew (Link) With Mass confession, and Worship  
Sunday 17th July  
at 2.30pm  
in **St. Paul's Church**  
**Dooradoyle**

## Fr. Ted Visits Limerick



During the week we had a visit from Fr. Ted Mc Carthy O.S.A. (Pictured here with Bro Michael Danaher) on a short break from the Augustinian Mission in Ecuador.

A few of us sat with him after Mass one morning as he related stories and the magnitude of damage done by the Earthquake they had there recently. He continues 'shortly after the earthquake he met with many

people who had gathered on the park outside the church they were crying and embracing each other through all their sorrow and grief. Then one person began reciting the Divine Mercy and everyone joined in and afterwards went into the church where Fr. Ted said Mass. They began to sing and lift their hearts however the tremors were not over as they soon realised. With electricity gone they managed to gather some candles as darkness fell around 7.30pm.

The following day the devastation was great the local state hospital was demolished however the Hospital of St. Rita was still standing and dealing with the many injured'. Coming back to Ireland he continues 'its good to be home, the cars are getting bigger but the Irish hearts are still warm and beautiful'... Fr. Ted wants to express his **sincere gratitude** to all of you who supported the appeal on Sunday 19th the final total coming to €3,000. He will be returning shortly to Ecuador bringing with him the generosity and love of the Irish people.

## Limerick Diocese back from Lourdes

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is a very special moment in the life of our diocese. Hundreds of people, in the words of Bishop Donal, forget not to be the best person they can be! There is a generosity that opens hearts and a simplicity that service inspires: For one week, everyone chooses to 'be for the most vulnerable', and in that generosity, we all discover great joy and healing.

The best thing you can do however, is to ask a pilgrim to tell you about their Lourdes experience - what happened, how it felt, and what they learnt. They have great stories to tell, and it would be great for them to share that joy at home!

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## What's on in Limerick

● **Youth Orchestra**  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
Sunday 3rd July  
4.30pm

● **Family Fun Day**  
Racecourse  
Sunday 3rd July  
at 2.30 pm

● **RATHEREDAGH**  
Cheshire Home  
Garden Fete  
Sunday 3rd July  
at 1pm

● **Dominican's**  
Thanksgiving &  
Farewell Mass  
Sunday 3rd July  
at 3pm

● **LIMERICK**  
Milk Market  
Sunday  
3rd July  
11am- 3pm

● **SEISUN**  
at the Hunt Museum  
Thurs 7th July  
at 7.30pm