



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th June 2016

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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Augustinian Ecuador Earthquake Appeal

We can so easily forget the tragedies we hear of on the news. In a month we no longer remember where it happened and, at times, we forget that we promised to help.

On the sixteenth of April of this year, just two months ago, an immensely destructive earthquake of 7.8 on the Richter scale struck the Ecuadorian Coast in the Province of Manabí where, since the last days of 1977, the Irish Augustinians have had a Mission. The last of our missionaries there, Fr. Ted McCarthy, tells us "I was sitting on a chair in my room, preparing to go to celebrate Mass, when the first tremor hit us. Then more fierce shocks came and I got up from the chair. With that, a part of the ceiling and wall fell on the chair smashing the arm rest". That was the beginning of a nightmare that is continuing for all our people in the Chone mission which is about 85 miles from Pedernales, the epicentre, which was razed to the ground. Houses in Fr. Ted's village lost their walls, others all over the province crashed to the ground.

Fr. Ted, despite these obstacles, set off with the parish truck to Pedernales bringing whatever produce the generous people of Convento could offer their worse off neighbours some sixty miles away.

For us, Augustinians, more personal news arrives daily and our hearts are with our people struggling valiantly to face yet another crisis. Fr. Noel Hession received news of a close friend, Kenny, who lost his wife and two toddlers. A little parishioner of Fr. Paul O'Connor's was preparing for her thirteenth birthday when the house collapsed, killing her. Maria del Carmen, her mother, who had lived very closely united to the Irish Presentation Sisters since childhood, accepts with profound faith that her little one, Colette, is with the Father in heaven.

Today we are asking you, and all those who will be attending Mass here next Sunday, to help us as we try to provide some basic help for the people affected by this earthquake. If you can, we are asking you to contribute to a special collection that will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday. This money will be sent directly to Ecuador and we can assure you that every single cent collected will find its way to the Augustinians in the affected area and will be used for the relief effort.

When they heard that we were going to make a collection for them they said 'the Padres are always on the look out to help us'. What you give for their support in this collection will stay in their memories when there are no longer Irish Augustinians on the mission.



Colette died on her 13th birthday when her house collapsed.



Glenstal Abbey

June: Sat 18th -
'Psychotherapy &
Spirituality, My Practise'
-Course day with
Colm O'Doherty
July : Tue 5th -
Annual Ladies Retreat
Wed 6th -
Annual Ladies Retreat
Sat 9th -
Refresh your Spirit,
St Benedict's
Retreat Day
Sat 23rd - 'Parenthood'
- Retreat Day
with Noirín Ní Riain
www.glenstal.org

BEGINNING EXAMS



Holy Spirit of Wisdom
Keep me calm
for the days of
my exams
Anoint my memory
with the power
of recall.
Remind me that
my worth
does not depend
on exams or results.
AMEN
Fr. Liam Ryan O.S.A.

Blood Donor Clinic

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Will be holding a
blood donor clinic in
St. John's Pavilion,
Mulgrave St.
Wednesday 15th June
From 5pm – 8pm



MARANATHA Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a
healing retreat with
Fr. Charles Benoit CFR
& Seamus Byrne
Kilkenny
On Sunday 19th June at
2.30pm
in **St. Paul's Church**
Dooradoyle

Reflection: Sheer Delight



Have you ever seen a person light up with delight when they see someone they love? You can see the love in their smile, in the way their eyes shine, in the brightness of their whole being. This image of love that shines and glows out of its sheer delight in the beloved is the blessing we read in Scripture – “May God’s face shine on you.....May God be gracious to you and bless you.... May God uncover his face to you and bring you peace” Numbers 6: 24. This is prayer at its best: being at rest with yourself and allowing God’s blessing to reach into your heart and warm you with the graciousness of His precious love.

Whisper to your heart, “**Gods face is shining on me**”.... Repeat this slowly and tenderly until you feel the warmth of God’s love fill your being. Light a candle and hold it close, rest in the radiance of God’s love. Return again and again to the mantra: “**God’s face is shining on me.**” It is true.

The following verse from the Office of the Church on a Saturday morning is one of my favourites:

**How great the tale,
That there should be,
In God’s Son’s heart, a place for me!
That on a sinner’s lips like mine,
The cross of Jesus Christ should shine.**

M. L OSA

Limerick's Solemn Novena

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help begins next Friday the **17th June** in the Redemptorist Church, Limerick. Beginning at 7.00am each day and concluding with the last session at 10.30pm, there are 10 sessions each day. A Novena celebration without Mass with a blessing for **babies and young children** takes place on Sunday 19th June at 4.30pm. On Monday 20th June at 11.30am there will be a special Novena celebration for First Communion Classes. See and hear the Novena live on the internet at **www.novena.ie**. Other highlights on the flyers at the back of the church. The theme for this years Novena is **Mary, Icon of**



God’s Mercy: The Redemptorists extend an open invitation for everyone to attend: “no matter how strong or weak your faith may be, you will be most welcome! The Pilgrim Icon of our Mother of Perpetual Help will be present at the Novena on June 23rd, 24th, and 25th and at Knock Shrine on August 15th .

Ireland World Meeting of Families 2018

Pope Francis has chosen Ireland to host the 9th World Meeting of Families during 2018. The dates and theme of the Meeting will be announced by Pope Francis himself. It is expected to attract thousands of Catholic families from around the globe to Ireland it is hoped that this very special pastoral initiative will present all of us in the Church with the opportunity, and the challenge, to renew, support and strengthen Irish families in their commitment to their faith.

Hosting a global event of this size requires a huge amount of planning and financial outlay on behalf of the host country. Accordingly, our bishops have now established a National Finance Committee to provide advice on the financial planning for the World Meeting of families in Ireland.

To Support the hosting of the event we intend to hold three national church collections, **one of which took place here in St. Augustine’s at all Masses last Sunday 5th June amounting to €500** (many thanks). The remaining collections will take place in 2017 and 2018. Please visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie for more details.

The World Meeting of Families is held every three years, and coordinated by the Pontifical Council for the Family, it is the largest universal gathering of Catholic families and brings together families from all over the world in faith and celebration.