



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

Second Sunday of Lent
12th March 2017

Pastoral Office: 061 415374, 061 415126
website: www.augustinianslimerick.com
E-mail: info@augustinianslimerick.com

Limerick Person of the Month

We are incredibly blessed in this diocese with the religious sisters who have given so much, to so many, for so long. In education, health care, social work, and much more - religious sisters went where state services were not available and made a difference. One example is the Sisters of Mercy project - the Children's Grief Centre. Sr. Helen Culhane, its founder, has been named this month's Limerick person of the month. The service has helped in the region of 1,000 children affected by loss through death, separation or divorce. Sr. **Helen Culhane, a native of Croom, founded the Children's Grief Project in 2009.**

Now known as the Children's Grief Centre, it provides grieving children and young people with a place and space where they are given the opportunity to examine feelings associated with loss, and learn that they are not alone. The service, which is based at Westbourne, Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road in the city, is provided by trained and experienced people.

Excerpt taken from Diocesan Newsletter

At the moment they have 120 young people on their waiting list and the wait is eight to nine months. Currently she said they have a **'funding crisis'** and are in desperate need of support to continue their good work. In total

there are 30 volunteers attached to the centre. The volunteers include a retired career guidance teacher, a play therapist, psychologist, psychotherapist, and an art therapist. There are 10 people working directly with the children. They use workbooks which bring them through the grieving process. On average when I look at our stats, they come for about five sessions. We bring them back three or four months later for a review. We get them to do **an evaluation. The biggest comment is 'you listened and were non judgemental'**.

Short extract taken from the Limerick Leader by Aine Fitzgerald

Sr. Helen is a regular at our 8.30am weekday Mass at St. Augustine's and we would like to congratulate her on this wonderful award and wish her every blessing for the future. Contact: 061 224627 /info@childrensgriefproject.ie



Picture : Adrian Butler

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

Taize

Continues every
Thursday at 5pm

Camino

5th Sept -14th 2017
Augustinian Group

There are just two rooms left between two and four people, depending on whether or not they are shared.

€926pp Contact :
Geraldine 089 2410066



St. Augustine's Church Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join us after the 10.15am Mass on **Wednesday's & Friday's for the Stations of the Cross.**

Lenten Talks

A series of Lenten Talks inviting Limerick based charities to speak about the needs of the people that they support and to open our hearts to people in need within our community.

The second in the series will be given by **Grow** (Support for Mental Health) and takes place **Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm** **Dominican Hall** **Donation €5**



Our Lady of Fatima

The International Centennial Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima blessed by Pope Francis will be in **St. John's Cathedral** on **Fri 24th March at 2pm**. **Bishop Brendan Leahy** will celebrate Mass and consecrate the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Lenten Scripture Sessions

Lenten Scripture Sessions Every Tuesday of Lent in the Augustinian Priory (Blue Door) at 7.30pm. Come along and join us as we explore the Sunday Readings & Gospels throughout Lent.

2017 Limerick St. Patrick's Festival

St. Patrick's Day Festive Mass at St. Augustine's

There will be two Masses in the Augustinian Church on St. Patrick's Day. The 9.00am and the Festive Mass at 11.15am. Our guests again this year will be **Noirin Ni Riain** with her sons **Owen & Moley** bringing their haunting Irish music and the **Garryowen Comhaltas** bringing their own unique style, enhancing our special liturgy for the day.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Limerick's St. Patrick's Festival celebrations will burst into life at 12 noon on Friday the 17th March! An estimated 80,000 people are expected to line the streets to



watch the spectacular procession which will **start on O'Connell Ave** before winding its way through the heart of Limerick City centre. Thousands of participants will celebrate their pride in our wonderful city and county with this year's theme **'Our stories, this is where we belong'**. Led by **Grand Marshal Luke Culhane**, the parade promises to be a vibrant carnival of colour, celebration and craic.!

There will be a fun-filled day of family friendly festivities at the Limerick Milk Market from 10am –4pm with sumptuous street food, games zone, live music, crafts and fashion galore. **Come along to the vintage carnival at Arthur's Quay Park** with lots of traditional amusements on offer, this is a fun-filled activity for all the family to enjoy! Follow the Trad Trail through various locations throughout the city from Thursday 16th –Sunday 19th details on limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival. **King John's Castle** will host a fun event on Sunday 19th March with Castle animators archery, art workshops with souvenir medallion making and much more!

47th Limerick International Band Championship

The streets of Limerick will be filled with lively musical tones and the spectacular sight of over 1,000 talented marching band musicians from Ireland, Europe and across the globe. Led by the **Irish Army Band**, Ireland's only international band championship will start at Pery Square at 12 noon, ending with a free concert for the public in **Arthur's Quay Park** where the championship winners will be announced!

Aslan will perform live at the **Big Top** at Limerick's Milk Market at 7pm on Saturday 18th. **Anuna** will celebrate their 30th Anniversary at the University Concert Hall that same evening at 8pm, and the **Kilfenora Ceili Band** will perform at the Lime Tree Theatre Saturday 18th at 8pm. Programmes available at the back of the church!

