



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

Fifth Sunday of Lent 13th March 2016

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Synod: Journeying to France

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

Stations of the Cross

Will continue for Lent
after the 10.15am Mass on
Wednesdays and Fridays.

We would encourage you
to join with us.

Prophetic Voices Past & Present



Tuesday 15th March
Edward Thomas O'Dwyer
Bishop of Limerick
1886-1917

With
Fr. Edward O'Callaghan
OFM

Mary Immaculate
College
Foundation Building
7.30pm

From January 26th to Friday January 29th 2016 a group of eleven clergy from the Diocese of Limerick travelled to the Diocese of *Evry* which is located to the south of Paris. They were travelling on a fact-finding mission as part of the diocesan preparation for a **Synod** which will take place in April 2016. In these final weeks before the Synod delegates are bringing forward proposals for action under the six themes that have been selected following widespread consultation. One of those themes is '**New Models of Leadership**' and clergy of the diocese wish to make informed decisions around what that new model might entail.

One of our meetings was with a volunteer Youth Ministry worker. We were all deeply touched by her enthusiasm and commitment. Because of the separation of Church and State catechesis and Sacramental preparation takes place in the Parish and Pastoral Area. It was interesting to hear how the Church can not go inside State schools or even place posters on the notice boards. Parishes creatively gather young people to 'friendship' sessions and prepare children for sacraments in these settings. Baptism is celebrated during mass.

On Wednesday morning we met with the retired Bishop, Guy Herbulot. He is now aged ninety and retired back in 2,000 but he was the instigator of this pastoral model. Essentially he was working out of the vision of Vatican II and used the possibilities of the 1983 Code to the full. In his diocese the population increased from 400,000 to over 1000,000 within ten years. Cities mushroomed up and many migrants from French speaking Africa settled in the area. Through a succession of Diocesan Synods Bishop Herbulot introduced a new way of working which was a break from the traditional Parish priest and Curate model with which we are all accustomed. He developed lay leadership at every level throughout the diocese and he concentrated on developing small Christian communities in the expanding sprawling cities and pastoral areas in the traditional parishes. He reminded us that the Church, which is the People of God, must see all the baptised as responsible for the faith community and encouragingly noted that 'It is not the Church that is dying but a model of Church'. When he proposed his model to Pope John Paul II at an *ad limina* visit the Pope remarked 'The Church must live'. Interestingly he emphatically declared that he never suppressed any parishes or closed any churches. He said that faith communities build on the human community – 'Building Community' is another theme for our upcoming Synod so this point was noted by all present. The overwhelming desire was to preserve local faith communities and priests would rotate around these communities.



Follow the full report on: www.synod2016.com

**MARANATHA
Prayer Ministry**

You are invited to a healing retreat with Marie Beirne Leitrim & Fr. Pat O'Sullivan Limk On Sunday 20th March at 2.30pm in St. Paul's Church Dooradoyle

Community and a Sense of Belonging

After Sunday's Mass at 11.15 a.m. a number of us gather in The George for tea, coffee and a chat. Anyone is welcome to join us. We look forward to meeting you....

Next Sunday 20th is Palm Sunday. Palms will be distributed at all Masses



**St. Patrick's Confession.
'In Ireland I wish to die'**



'Should I be worthy I am ready to give my life for his name's sake; And it is in Ireland that I wish to spend it until I die, If the lord should grant it to me.'

Thank You

Milford Hospice would like to thank you for your support to their Church Gate Collection which amounted to €571.26 on Sunday 14th February

2016
Limerick
St. Patrick's Festival

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Limerick's St. Patrick's Day parade will start from Punches Cross at 12.00 noon on Thursday 17th March. The theme of the parade this year is "Commemorate".

As we celebrate the Centenary of the 1916 Rising and look forward to another great century, the people of Limerick are invited to look into their rich and diverse cultural heritage for inspiration.

From the Signing of the Treaty to the City of Culture in 2014, within the history of our evolution as a modern multicultural city lays a treasure trove of memories, images and ideas just waiting come alive as a living image of Limerick. We look forward to seeing some inspirational ideas on the streets of Limerick in this year's St Patrick's Day parade.



INTERNATIONAL BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

The 46th International Band Championship will take place on **Sunday March 20th** at 12.00 noon where bands from all over Ireland, U.S.A. and Europe will compete to be crowned Overall Parade Champions. A 280-strong marching band from the University of Missouri will be among the those taking to the streets of Limerick Over 1200 musicians are expected to take part which will feature a world class judging panel and attract

thousands of spectators on to the streets. The Band Championship will start in Pery Square and end in Arthur's Quay with a free concert for the public

HUNT MUSEUM

Stop by The Hunt Museum Limerick this St. Patrick's Day for a great line up of activities for all ages. St. Patrick's Day Hats and Flags arts and crafts session 11:00-11:30.

Get ready for the parade at the museum and make your own hat and flag to wave as the floats go by. Parade starts at 12 noon and will pass the museum €2 per child.

We will have FREE face painting in the courtyard of the museum from 11:00 – 12:00 to get you looking



the part for the day.

History of Ireland in 10 Objects Tour with an EXTRA special amount of Irish! Tour starts at 2pm, €3.50 per person adults, €2 for children.

AUGUSTINIAN CHURCH

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 bringing her haunting Irish music and the Garryowen Comhaltas bringing their own unique style to enhance our special liturgy for the day. There will be no evening Mass at 7.30pm.

