

St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

Fourth Sunday of Lent 6th March 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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Let Us Rejoice

Today is referred to as *Laetare* Sunday – **The Sunday for Rejoicing**. This is one of two days, the other being *Gaudete* Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent) when we are reminded of the importance of joy in our lives. Sometimes people interpret these Sundays to be about taking a break from our Lenten or Advent penance, and doing something more “enjoyable”. In fact, that is not what they are about at all.

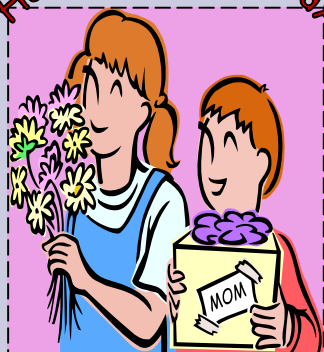
For the Christian, joy is something that should accompany us every day. This is not the same as saying we should always be happy – although being happy is also a good thing. Joy is something that goes much deeper than happiness. Happiness is something we feel at a particular time in our lives, and it depends on certain things happening to make us happy – joy is different. Joy doesn't have anything to do with what happens to us in the day to day; joy is really all about an underlying conviction. It is the bedrock upon which we can build our lives – it has to do with the sure and certain knowledge that we are loved by God. No matter what happens in our lives, this conviction can never be taken from us. Even when we are saddened because of what may happen in our lives, our joy remains as a constant. Sometimes, therefore, we may be both sad and joyful at the same time – sad because of what we experience around us, and joyful, because no matter what is happening, no matter what we have done and no matter what others have done to us, God's love never leaves us.

Today is an invitation to us to remind ourselves that, in the middle of the topsy turviness of our world where nothing seems certain, God is constant; God's love for us never changes, nor wanes, nor dies away. We rejoice not because we are happy – but because we know that, whatever may happen, we are loved and wanted by God.



Fr. Noel Hession OSA

Happy Mother's Day



Prophetic Voices Past & Present



Tuesday 8th March
My Vision, as a Woman,
Of Future Church
with
Mary T. Malone
Historian & who also
taught at the Toronto
School of Theology.

Dominican Hall
7.30pm

Christian Meditation

With

Lonán Ni Dhubháin

Continues every

Friday at 5.00pm

Westbourne Convent

Ashbourne Ave

S. Cr. Rd.

Newcomers are always

Welcome!

086-3633127

Opening a Door on the Bible



Dominican Hall
Next Workshop

March 12th

Saturday 10 am –12.30

Theme

**From Jerusalem to the
Ends of the Earth**

The work of Peter & Paul
(Acts)

Thank You

The Christmas Crib
offering for the poor of
€2,300 went to
Novas initiative
who work with the
homeless and
disadvantaged.

Other donations of €700
went to S. V. de Paul.
We are very grateful for
your more than
generous giving as
always.

Fair Trade



There will be a Fair Trade
information stand at the
back of the church starting
on Monday 7th March and
there will be a FREE Raffle
of a Hamper at the end of
the week!

Remembering Fr. Brendan Quirke OSA

Sadly last Saturday we heard of the passing of Fr. Brendan Quirke O. S. A. who spent some time with us here in Limerick from 2009-2013. Perhaps some of you may remember him as he reached into many hearts with his chatty informality, his stimulating thoughts in 'the Australian language' after the Gospel and his natural friendliness towards everyone. Fr. Brendan was born in Feries Co. Kerry a top footballer, playing for the Kerry Minors while he was still at school. On 13th September 1952 Fr. Brendan was accepted by the Augustinian Order and in 1955 was appointed to Rome for study at the Gregorian University where later he received a Bachelor of Theology and a Licentiate of Theology. He was ordained priest on 20th December 1958 and one year later he was sent to Australia where he spent most of his life till he returned to Ireland in 2007 .



May he rest in peace.

Mother's Day Reflection



God touching a mother in the miracle of her new-born baby
in her child's love-hearts on a card for
"the best Mammy in the world"
Burnt toast in bed from a seven year old.
Candles of thanksgiving for a child's recovery.
First Communion faces full of grace.
Tearful mothers in our Peace Garden.
Pleading eyes raised to Padre Pio.
Care-worn mothers outside courts and prisons,
ever faithful to prodigal sons and daughters.
Swords of sorrow piercing hearts.
Mothers alone, deserted, separate
Good Friday and Easter Sunday on their faces.



Liam Ryan O.S.A.

'Songs of Praise'

SONGS OF PRAISE

This special praise and worship concert will feature choirs from across Ireland, North and South, performing separately and together, in the beautiful setting of the fully refurbished Basilica of Our Lady of Knock. This is an ecumenical event, and we will be welcoming choirs from all denominations as part of a musical celebration of the **Year of Mercy**. This should be a wonderful occasion, so we hope you'll come along on Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm. Contact Una Nolan at **094-9388100** or email : **music@knock-shrine.ie**

SING THE SYNOD

An opportunity to hear, learn and sing the hymns and (unison) Mass setting which we will be singing at our Synod opening and closing liturgies. Join us on Wednesday **March 9th** at 8.00pm in Adare Parish Church . This will be a light, positive and enjoyable opportunity for those who love choral music to gather and sing. All are very welcome, there is no charge for this event. For planning reasons we would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance in advance with an email to reception@ldpc.ie Thank you.



DESERT DAY

A Desert Day will take place in Westbourne, Ashbourne Avenue S.Cr.Rd. Limk . on Saturday, March 19th from 10.15 to 5.30. The day, on the eve of Passion/Palm Sunday, will give you an opportunity to prepare for Holy Week in the peaceful surroundings of Westbourne. **Contact Sr. Phyllis 087 9636893**