



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

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2nd October 2016

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Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A recent letter from Stephen Conway (International Projects co-ordinator with the Christmas Shoebox Appeal wanted to thank all of you who **dropped in shoeboxes last year. He appreciates the 'amazing work you do each year in making certain that so many children are blessed with a Christmas Shoebox gift. How it makes the children they work for feel very special and brightens up a very dark world for them'. This is just one story of where the Limerick shoebox gifts went last year.**

'Coming back to school'.....

Mayankho is a vulnerable child aged 9 years in Phalombe district which is a very poor region in Malawi. His family's daily income is less 50 us cents. He comes from a family of 7 children which has increased their poverty level whereby children dropped school, have no access to medical services and struggle daily for food. Mayankho dropped out of school



and he spent most of his time begging for food on the streets. He also dropped out of school due to lack of clothes and school learning materials.

Mayankho has a real heart for school so that one day he should fulfil his dream of becoming the medical doctor. The Christmas Shoebox gift he received has opened the way to come back to school as the Shoebox had all the answers which he has been lacking. He was so happy to see everything that was inside.

Thanks again for all you do to help us get even more Christmas Shoeboxes for children like Mayankho.

Stephen

Our Christmas Shoebox Appeal begins next week and you can pick up a flyer at the back of the church. The closing date is Friday November 11th 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

Taize

Augustinian Church
Every Thursday
5.00pm-6.00pm



Matt Talbot Novena Shannon Co. Clare

The annual novena to Matt Talbot begins Tuesday 4th Oct and every Tuesday to 29th November at 7.00pm in Ss. John & Paul Church Shannon Co. Clare. There will be a different preacher each evening. Everyone is welcome.

Compassionate Cities' Summit

Limerick is set to host the first International Compassionate Cities' Summit on the 7th October 2016 at the Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick.

The International Compassionate Cities Summit is a day for the people to come together and interact with the Milford Care Centre and the Compassionate Communities Project.

This inspiring project has touched the lives of many people in the Mid-West through its Café Conversations, the Good Neighbour Partnership and the seed grants awarded to community initiatives that encourage people to talk more openly about illness, death and bereavement.

The summit is open to everyone and promises to be an inspiring and interactive event. Lunch will be provided. There will be music, art, plays and some keynote speakers from Spain, the UK, India and Ireland. These speakers not only have a passion for palliative care but also recognise the importance of communities.

Further information and registration (just 25 euro includes lunch) is available through Milford Care Centre's website: www.milfordcarecentre.ie/summit2016

New Bishop for Killaloe Diocese



Fr. Fintan Monahan of the Tuam Archdiocese was appointed Bishop of Killaloe at his ordination ceremony in Ennis Cathedral last Sunday. In his address after his consecration, he described the year of **Mercy as a "busy and wonderful year in the Church"**. The new bishop noted that Mother Teresa of Calcutta **had also been recently canonised. She is "a saint for our day who speaks of the dark struggle the challenge and huge effort that is part of each and every Christian's faith journey"**.

He says that as part of the preparation for the great gathering of families in 2018, Pope Francis has given the faithful **'The Joy of Love'**, to nourish them in spirit.

Bishop Fintan Monahan was born in Tullamore in 1967 to parents Tom and Peg Monahan and has one brother and one sister. He was ordained a priest in 1991 and has been diocesan secretary of the Tuam archdiocese for the past 10 years.

On the objectives ahead, he indicated that his priorities would be the promotion of vocations, care of the clergy, and faith renewal in the diocese. His emphasis would be on continuing and expanding the greater involvement of laity, youth ministry and religious education. Among his other main priorities would be protection of life, family ministry, Eucharistic Adoration, liturgy and safeguarding children in the church. He also wishes to explore new ways to communicate the joy of the Gospel to his people.

We warmly welcome Bishop Fintan and pray that God will continue to bless him in his future ministry.

This is an ancient Irish prayer for one undertaking a new post:

In the name of the virtue of the Father
In the name of the suffering of the Son
In the name of the power of the Holy Spirit
May Mary and her Son be with him on his journey.



Growing Old - A Blessing and A Burden

We plan a Celebration of Ageing at the 11.15am Mass on Sunday, October 16th

Please invite your elderly relatives, friends and neighbours.

Children and young people, bring along your grandparents.

**Sunday Oct 2nd
DAY for
LIFE**

Opening a door on the Bible Dominican Hall

The next workshop takes place on Saturday 8th Oct From 10am -12.30

The theme is **'The Word that Wakes— Lectio Divina & the energy to follow Jesus', with Fr. Seamus O'Connell**



Ministries on Sunday at 11.15am Mass
Readers
Barbara Dillon & Jim Mc Carthy
Psalm Milo Hurley
Eucharistic Ministry
Carmel Wallace
Gerry & Anne Williams