

St. Augustine's Church Limerick

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th July 2017

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World Day of the Poor

Mass times:

Monday—Friday

7.30am—8.30am—

10.15am— & 4.00pm

Saturday —

8.30am—10.15am—3.00pm

(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday—

9.00am, 11.15 am & 7.30pm

Confession:

Monday & Friday

10.45am—12.00 / 3.00pm-4pm

Saturday —

10.45am—12.00 / 2.30pm-4pm

Taize- Summer Break

Resumes in October

The first World Day of the Poor will be observed in the universal Church on Sunday 19th November 2017 at the request of Pope Francis. In a special message published recently, Pope Francis explained that at the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, he wanted to offer the Church a **World Day of the Poor**, "so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever **greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need.**"

The World Day of the Poor message is entitled, "[Let us love, not with words but with deeds](#)". In the message Pope Francis invites "the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for **our help and solidarity.**" The Holy



Father's message, draws from the life of Saint Francis and he comments that "precisely because he kept his gaze fixed on Christ, Francis was able to **see and serve him in the poor.**" Concluding his message the Holy Father, underlines that, "the poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practise in our lives the essence of the Gospel." www.catholicbishops.ie

Limerick Culture Night

Culture Night is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts. Last year, Limerick hosted 118 Events in 76 Locations and drew an audience of 18,500 People! This year, it will take place on Friday 22nd September 2017. On Culture Night, arts and cultural organisations and venues of all shapes and sizes, including the National Cultural Institutions, extend their

opening hours to allow for increased access to the public. Special and unique events and workshops are specifically programmed at participating locations and everything is available free of charge.



Each year we compile our Limerick Culture Night Brochure, listing all of the events and venues open to the public.

Find out more-get involved!

To be included in this brochure, please complete and return the Culture Night [event registration form](#) by Friday 14 July 2017. Your event will also be listed on the national Culture Night website: www.culturenight.ie



I am the Vine,
You are the Branches

STREET ART
BEDFORD ROW
SUNDAY 16TH



Maranatha Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat and Family Tree Mass with Fr. Andrzej. It will be an afternoon of Praise & Worship with Confession, Mass and Adoration. This Sunday 16th July in St. Pauls Church Dooradoyle at 2.30pm. Refreshments after.



Augustinian Church
Lisnagry Association
Church Gate Collection
Next Sunday 23rd July



Foynes Air Show

22nd July

St. Columba's Cell Identified

Archaeologists say they have identified the remains of the cell of Saint Columba on the Scottish island of Iona. They have used radio-carbon dating to place samples of burned wood in the middle of Columba's time there almost 1,500 years ago.



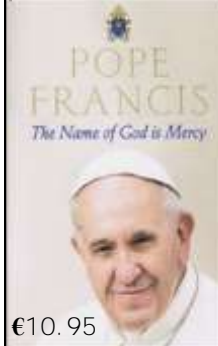
St Columba arrived on Iona from Ireland in the year 563. His Gaelic name is Colmcille – **"the dove of the Church"**. He is widely credited as one of the key figures who brought Christianity to Scotland. From his vision sprang Iona Abbey, which became a centre of literacy, learning and worship.

The charred remains of a hut were excavated in 1957, but it has taken until now for science to accurately date them. The cell, or scriptorium, is where he worked, prayed and spent his last days. Read the full story www.catholicnews.ie

Be at Peace

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; Rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, Will lead you safely through all things; And when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; The same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. (Saint Francis De Sales)

Abbey Bookshop



The Name of God is Mercy Pope Francis **'Mercy is the first attribute of God.** The name of God is mercy. There are no situations we cannot get out of, we are not condemned to sink **into quicksand'.**



GOSPELS
'It is a good thing to have a small book of the Gospel, and to carry in our pocket or our purse and read a little passage in whatever moment presents itself during the day. Available in the Abbey Bookshop

Thought for the Day

The parable of the sower is told twice, in an original form and in a later, church interpretation. The explanation tends to dominate our reading; but it might be worthwhile allowing the original parable to **"speak."** **It tells of small, even careless, beginnings**— the sower scatters all over the place. As we see in nature, tiny seeds have an astonishing, miraculous effect. Go back over your own experience and recall something which began modestly but which in the end grew surprisingly. The reign of God is like that— the modest beginnings of **Jesus' own preaching had tremendous effect.**

Prayer: God of every harvest, it can be hard today to be confident about the Good News and yet we know that it is you who give the growth (1 Cor 3:7). www.tarsus.ie