

# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November 2017

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### 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

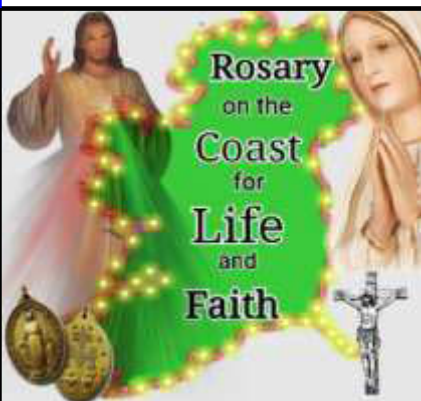
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### Confession:

10.45am—12.00 / 3.00pm-4pm

Saturday —

10.45am—12.00 / 2.30pm-4pm



## World Day of the Poor

As you may know Pope Francis has inaugurated a 'World Day of the Poor'. The first celebration of that Day occurs today 19th November. Given its importance for the Pope a letter from Bishop Brendan will be read out at all Masses today. However, Pope Francis wants us already this coming week to reach out to the poor around us. He writes, 'It is my wish that in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on the 19th November that Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance'.



Here in St. Augustine's to participate in this initiative of the Holy Father, we will be collecting food that will be distributed to those in need in our city. You are invited to support this initiative by dropping off non perishable foodstuffs and placing them in the box provided at the back of the church. Together lets make a difference!

## Rosary at the Borders

Over the last two months over a million Polish faithful travelled to the borders of their country to pray for the preservation of the faith including the protection of the Unborn Child in Poland. Inspired by the Polish "**Rosary at the Borders**", Italian faithful held a similar "Rosary on the Border" for the same intention.

The Irish faithful are preparing to flock to our coastlines, the Atlantic Ocean and the Irish Sea, to pray for the preservation of the faith and for the protection of life at all stages. The "**Rosary on the Coasts for Life and Faith**" will be held on **Sunday 26th November**, the Feast of Christ the King.

The prayer at the coasts will begin at **2:30pm**. It will not take long. It is winter and we are conscious that drivers need to reach home or at least the main roads before dark.

So if you can come to the coast and pray the prayers of the 'Rosary on the Coasts for Life and Faith' programme with one or two people, tell us where you will be going and we will spread the word. Please be specific about the location. Once your location is published others will come. For Rosary Locations, see [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie). E.g.:

**Limerick –Bishop's Quay at back of Henry Street Garda Station**  
Clare – Lahinch Beach – Meet at the Lifeguard Station on the Prom.  
Clare – Loophead Lighthouse – Access through Carrigaholt  
Clare - Kilkee Beach – at the Bandstand

## New Initiative in Caherdavin

In Christ the King parish, Caherdavin, we have always celebrated morning prayer during the Easter Triduum but not during the rest of the year.

At the Limerick Diocesan Synod in April 2016 one of the decisions made was that the people of God who faithfully go to Mass each day should be introduced to the Divine Office i.e. the community prayer of the church. A special booklet was put together with the text taken directly from the Divine Office. On Monday the 30th October we formally began praying morning prayer together. Four lay people from the parish were trained on how to lead the morning prayer, including myself (Fr. Coffee) being part of the team.

Fr. Jack Finnegan SDB was kind enough to write an introduction to the morning prayer for us. We thank him for his generosity. Praying the Psalms is an ancient tradition that goes back to the beginning of the church. When we pray the Psalms at morning prayer we are entering into a conversation with God. We are also preserving that link with the people of faith over the last 2,000 years and the people all round the world who pray the Psalms everyday.

Fr. Tom Ryan and I preached about the importance of prayer on the weekend of the 30th Sunday of the year. On the first Monday 50 people turned up to pray morning prayer. Approximately the same amount gathered on the second Monday.

With God's help we will continue to have a large number of people gathering for morning prayer every Monday. There is no doubt in my mind that all the prayer that is happening in our parish— the rosary, morning prayer, Adoration and Mass will bear much fruit in Caherdavin. *Fr. R. Coffee*



The death occurred last Tuesday of **Fr. John Meagher O.S.A.** in Ballyboden Co. Dublin.



Having recently celebrated his 101 birthday Fr. John was born in Limerick Sept 20th 1916 & he is the only Augustinian to have reached this milestone! May he rest in peace.

## Maranatha Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a Healing Retreat & Family Tree Mass with Fr. John Walsh Limk on this Sunday 19th November.

It will be an afternoon of Praise & Worship with Confession, Mass and Adoration in St. Pauls Church Dooradoyle at 2.30pm

## Pieta House Nourishing Hope

### 'Misneach'

A time for remembrance and reflection Mungret Church Sunday Nov 26th at 4pm



## Advent Scripture Study

Advent is a time for waiting, a time for preparation. It is a call also to re-examine what we really wish for, as we prepare this year for Christmas. Why not join us for the exploration of the Readings for the four Sundays of Advent with Fr. David Kelly O.S.A. in a relaxed atmosphere in our Priory (blue door between railings) on Monday November 27th at 7.30pm and followed by tea/coffee afterwards.

## Advent Walk

Would you like to get away for one afternoon and get some fresh air, good company and exercise?

We will be going for a walk in Cratloe Wood on Sunday 3rd December to begin our journey from Advent towards Christmas. We will meet at the entrance of the Woods at 1.15 and explore this beautiful woodland area. You can enjoy the company of others and perhaps spend a little of the time walking alone and reflecting on 'the reason for the season' or just letting God's creation speak to you. Walkers are advised to wear good walking shoes and bring rain wear and a packed lunch. After the walk, for those who are feeling hungry or sociable we will go to a local venue for something to eat and drink and time to chat to others. This is optional.

If you think you would like to join us please speak to Charlotte or Geraldine 089 2410066 (in the choir area) after Mass. We will do our best to facilitate those who do not have their own transport, so please ask about this.