

# St. Augustine's Church Limerick



## The Baptism of the Lord 7th January 2018

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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

### Confession:

#### Monday & Friday

10.45am—12.00 / 3.00pm-4pm

#### Saturday —

10.45am—12.00 / 2.30pm-4pm

### Taize Resumes

Thurs Feb 8th at 5pm

## The Baptism of Christ

At the core of the Baptism of Jesus is the activity of Divine Spirit. John the Baptist had declared to questioners that he was not the Christ his baptism was of water but Christ's baptism would be of water and the Spirit —of a different order altogether. The Spirit each of us has within us is that same divine stirrings which lay hidden in Jesus for 30 years. There is a human restlessness within us.

The greatest calamity of our times is the smothering, blocking out, total ignorance of the divine within us. Surely after the Christmas festivities we can readily acknowledge that all the earthly substitutes and enticements dangled persistently in front of us cannot ever satisfy our much greater human longings for satisfaction of our inner personalities, our minds, our souls, our hearts. We are afraid to believe that more is possible.

The 19th century French writer Anais Nin wrote: " And the day came when the risk it took to remain tight inside the bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom". May our day dawn for us.

## The Water and the Dove

Here is a meditation built around the Baptism of the Lord and the practical implications of our own baptism.

"Jesus came from Nazareth to the province of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan . As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove." In his Baptism Jesus entered his public ministry, in our Baptism we are called into active involvement in the life of the Christian community. Our responsibility begins with the warmth of a smile, the willingness of a helping hand.

In an age when promises, vows and commitments are becoming more difficult, we need constant renewal of our baptism. Dip your hands in a bowl of water to make contact with your roots in faith. Hear the voice of the Father speaking to you as his Beloved. Invite the dove of peace to rest gently upon you.

### Prayer:

*Help us to create cradles of love and faith where the seeds of Baptism can flower into love and service. Amen*



**Augustinian Church**  
**Taize Service**  
**Thur 8th February**  
**5pm**



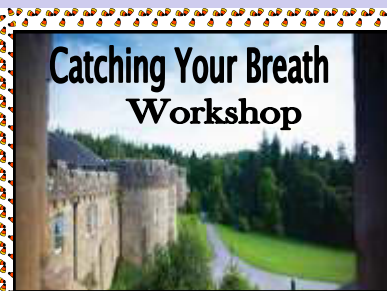
### Death Notice



Sadly the death has occurred of another dear friend of St. Augustine's Ms Eleanor O'Carroll from Roxboro Rd.

Eleanor was a member of the 4pm weekday Music ministry in St. Augustine's singing & playing the bongos which she really enjoyed.

We will miss her.  
 R.I.P.



### Catching Your Breath Workshop

Catching Your Breath  
 Glenstal Abbey Murroe  
 Saturday 20th Jan 2018  
 10am - 4.30pm  
 086 2438028

# Winter God

God of Hope

In the darkness of these Winter days  
 keep the promise of Spring alive in my heart.

In the wilderness , hold me open to the hope of new life.  
 Give me an awareness of bulbs awakening from their Winter sleep,  
 life stirring in the darkness of the earth.

In the dark places of my own spirit  
 help me to notice the seeds of 'resurrection'.

Give me time and space to reach down into the soil  
 of my own existence.

Show me how to nurture the roots of faith  
 and love in the desert places of my life.

Amen.

Fr. L. Ryan O.S.A.

## Maranatha Prayer Ministry

Maranatha Prayer Ministry is a Catholic Community, committed to developing a caring environment in which the transforming graces of the Holy Spirit can renew persons into the likeness of Christ. Maranatha prayer group felt the need and the call of God to begin a Catholic Prayer ministry in 2010, in Limerick. Since then they have worked in collaboration with people from different walks of life in promoting and strengthening faith in our Lord Jesus.

On Sunday 21st January, Bishop Brendan Leahy will lead the prayer in St. Paul's Church Dooradoyle at 2.30pm. It will be an afternoon of Praise & Worship with Confession, Mass and Adoration.

The Maranatha Prayer Group meet every Friday evening from 8.00pm- 9.30pm at the Millennium Centre Raheen and all are welcome to join.

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For more details go to [www.w.maranthaprayerministry.org](http://www.w.maranthaprayerministry.org)



## Monastic Experience Weekend

Mount Saint Joseph Abbey Roscrea are hosting a Monastic Experience Weekend from Friday 9th - Sunday 11th March 2018. It is an opportunity for men between the ages of 20 and 40 who may be discerning a monastic vocation to find out more about monastic life and to listen to God's call by sharing the rhythm of the monastic daily prayer schedule. There will be an opportunity to speak one-to-one with a monk and reflect together on the monastic vocation.

- This might be for you:  
 If you feel attracted to monastic life and wonder whether it might be for you.  
 If you have thought sometimes that God might be calling you to religious life, but have hesitated to take the first step.



To make an enquiry or to arrange a meeting to talk about your vocation discernment, please contact our Vocations Director, Br Malachy Thompson, by email to [malachy@msjroscrea.ie](mailto:malachy@msjroscrea.ie) or text 'INFO' to 085 8338503.

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