

St. Augustine's Church Limerick



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th 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

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Thur 8th February

5.00pm

Alzheimer Society

A Social Club for people with dementia and their carer, every Tuesday Morning from 11am-1pm in St. Mary's RFC. Contact Mary 061- 313456

Augustinian Vocation News

Recent message from Stephen Shields who is a novice for our Irish Province studying in Racine Chicago U.S A

We are 6 novices as you can see from the attached photo. There are 4 from the US provinces, one from the Anglo-Scottish province and myself (I'm top right). So far, so

good. We have bonded well bearing in mind the diversity in age ranges (23 – 50) and diversity in nationalities as one of the novices is from Pakistan, one from New Zealand, myself and a novice from New Mexico. A mixed bunch indeed but this does make for good sharing, discussion and debate. The timetable allows, time for communal and personal prayer along with daily classes and work period. It is a busy house with guests coming and going all the time but we still try to make sure that silence is respected and encouraged. Please keep me and my brother novices in your prayers.



Stephen Shields

Prayer to St. Brigid



Sc. Brigid Saint of Ireland. Flame of Welcome. Woman of Wisdom. Generous one. With your Cross, protect our homes. Convert our hearts heal our sick.

Herald of Spring, awaken new life. Warm my spirit. Nourish Easter hope. Bountiful Source, multiply God's gifts. Feed the poor. nurture our hunger. Bless Ireland. Re-ignite the fire.

Gather us in faith. Open our doors. Open our hearts. Turn strangers into friends, houses into homes, Sceptics into believers, death into life. Amen.



Fr. Liam G. Ryan O.S.A.



Thursday 1st February: Feast of St. Brigid

Next Thursday, 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid, secondary patron of Ireland and woman of compassion. She is remembered for her hospitality, her generosity to the poor and her care for the sick. Stories from our school books celebrated these qualities. Her name is linked with the town of Kildare, the site of a large monastery founded by St. Brigid.

In our own time, the spirit and spirituality of the saint is enfolded in the Brigidine Sisters, a congregation of nuns founded by Bishop Daniel Delany, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin in 1807 in Tullow, Co. Carlow. In 1992 they returned to Kildare to restore the site of the old monastery to establish a spirituality centre, and re-ignite the fire of St. Brigid.

St. Blaise



Blessing of Throats

Next Saturday 3rd February is the Feast of St. Blaise linked with the flourishing tradition of the Blessing of Throats. You are invited to have your throats blessed at any of the Masses 8.30am, 10.15pm, & 3.00pm here in St. Augustine's.

**Blood Donor Clinic
St. John's Pavilion
Mulgrave Street**



**Wednesday 7th February
5pm-8pm**

Thought for Today

In the first chapter, Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.

Jesus' combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?



PRAYER:

Faithful God, your Holy One, Jesus of Nazareth, spoke the truth with authority, and you confirmed his teaching by wonderful deeds. Through his healing presence, drive far from us all that is unholy, so that by word and deed we may proclaim him Messiah and Lord and bear witness to your power to heal and save. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Christian Unity Week Prayer Service

In his writing – The Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis said: Commitment to ecumenism responds to the prayer of the Lord Jesus that "they may all be one". On Wednesday night last we had a very good gathering of Christians, from various denominations here in our church to celebrate the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Rev Edna Wakely from the Church of Ireland and Rev. Vicki Lynch from the Methodist and Presbyterian church joined us with members from their congregations.



We all shared in the prayers and readings and singing celebrating God's grace and the many ways in which it is manifest in our diverse Christian communities. Thank you to all in our own church who were involved in organising the prayer service, the readers, singers, musicians and those who prepared and served the tea and refreshments. Well done everyone.

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.