

St. Augustine's Church Limerick

4th Sunday of Advent 24th December 2017

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Mass times:

Christmas Day
9.00am and 11.15am
No evening Mass
St. Stephen's Day
10.15am
Wednesday 27th
10.15am & 4.00pm

Confession after
Christmas
Resume
Monday 8th Dec

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Christmas Break
Will resume
Thurs 9th Feb 2018



The God who is with Us

Brother Stephen Russell laid the foundations for work with the homeless in Limerick. The inspiration for his work is to be found in one of Brother Stephen's poems, the Spirit of Emmanuel, the God who is with us.



Infinity wrapped in swaddling clothes.
Divinity in the straw.



A hint of God in the frosted cobweb.
Advent longings now fulfilled.
Bread of intimacy broken in a stable.
Nourishment for the hungry heart.



The warm breath of animals, smelling of the earthiness of God.
Love made human in a common place.
Circle of wonder and adoration.

Birth sanitized by religious respectability.
A homeless couple shaping history.
Eucharistic presence tabernacle in a manger.
Unmarried mother profiled in squinting windows.
Memories clutching at the heart.
The prodigal in me gone to a far country.
My child of wonder coming home to Midnight Mass.
Immanuel, God with us, in the eyes of every child.
Tinselled sentiment and fragile faith.
Tinselled wrappings and the pain of loss.

Tears and gifts and ... divinity in the straw.

Br. Stephen Russell

Catching Your Breath

Breath is the spirit and essence of life, self expression and communication. Many of life's events can limit our breath. Any restriction reduces our enjoyment of life and being. Christmas is a time of great joy and rebirth, but it can also be a time of extra demands and breath-holding. This can need conscious release. Join us for a day exploring and restoring freedom in your breath through gentle activities, chant and mindfulness in the peace laden atmosphere of Glenstal Abbey on Saturday 20th January 2018 from 10am-4.30pm. **Fee €95, includes workshop, materials, lunch, teas and coffees.** For further information please call Niall on 086 243 8028.

Workshop leader: Niall Kelly is an organisation consultant, executive coach and a certified Alexander Technique. He runs workshops in Glenstal, around Ireland and abroad. Niall also teaches on the MA in Ritual Song and Chant in the University of Limerick and on a number of other programmes.



Limerick Diocesan Newsletter.

**St. Augustine's Church
Limerick Thomond Rotary**

Remembrance Mass

**Friday 5th January
at 4pm**



**Yellow Ribbon
Bedford Row**

**Family Mass 5pm
Sunday 24th -5pm**



All are Welcome!

Sacred Space Radio



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Christmas Special

Monday 25th Dec

From 9am / Repeated 10.30pm

Join us for inspirational
reflections and music from
a variety of guests'.

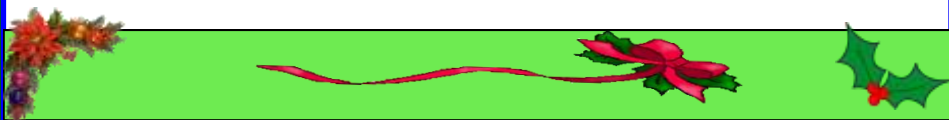
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If you would like to join us
in discussing the way
forward please give your
names to any one of the
community.

Thank You

- To those who assembled the Advent Wreath with its candles and greenery.
- To the girls in the Abbey Bookshop who handled the 'rush' very patiently.
- The volunteers who decorated our Christmas tree and prepared the Family Mass including our choir who's loyalty at this time is very much appreciated!
- Frank Purcell erecting the Crib and Denis Ryan's great support.
- Brother Michael as Sacristan who always does such a wonderful job.
- Mary O'Brien for the beautiful flower displays and also our thanks to those who dropped in floral arrangements.
- Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and helpers at Christmas Masses and throughout the year and to all those who work behind the scenes.
- All our loyal friends and congregations.
- To all those who cleaned and prepared the church for Christmas.
- To all of you for your generous support and prayers throughout the year .



We would like to wish you all a very happy
and holy Christmas and a blessed New Year.
Thanking you for all your support and prayers
throughout the year.

The Augustinian Community Limerick



After Christmas Services

Wednesday, 27th December

10.15am & 4.00pm

Thursday, 28th, & Friday 29th December,

Masses 10.15 & 4.00pm

Saturday 30th December

Mass 10.15am & 3.00pm

Mass for the Sick

Sunday 31st January

New Year's Eve

Masses 9.00am, 11.15am,

No Evening Mass

Monday 1st January

New Year's Day

Mass 10.15am,

Tuesday 2nd Wed, Thurs, Friday 5th January

10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday 6th January

Masses 8.30am, 10.15am, & 3.00pm

Mass for the Sick

Confessions Resume: Monday 8th January

