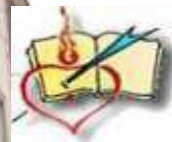


St. Augustine's Church Limerick



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th February 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

Choose Life

**LOVE
BOTH**

A new National Newsletter is now available in our diocese and in parishes at www.limerickdiocese.org & at the back of this church



World Day of the Sick

Pope Francis reminds the church of her 'maternal vocation' to the needy and the Sick

Pope Francis is urging Catholics worldwide to bring to the sick and needy "the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion," reminding the Church of her "maternal vocation" to them. The exhortation came in his message for World Day of the Sick of the Catholic Church that is traditionally observed on February 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The message for the 26th World Day of the Sick has as its theme: *Mater Ecclesiae*: "Behold, your son... Behold, your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:26-27). Instituted by St. Pope John Paul II on May 13th, 1992, the annual observance intends to draw attention to the sick and their caregivers.

In his message the Pope recalls that "on the Cross, Jesus showed his concern for the Church and all humanity, and Mary is called to share in that same concern." The entire community of disciples, he says, is included in Mary's maternal vocation, and like her, the disciples are called to care for one another, excluding no one, simply because they are persons, children of God.

In the message, Pope Francis evokes the image of the Church as a "field hospital", noting that in some parts of the world Church hospitals are the only institutions providing necessary care to the population. The Holy Father also urges Catholic hospitals to steer clear of "the business mentality that is seeking worldwide to turn health care into a profit-making enterprise, which ends up discarding the poor."

To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. May the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them. To all, the sick, to healthcare workers and to volunteers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing. From the Vatican 26 Nov 2017 / short extract www.catholicbishops.ie



Augustinian-Lay Forum



Patrickswell Bible Study

FOLLOW ME
Meeting Jesus in
the Gospel of John

An 8 part bible study on
what it means to be a
follower of Christ & having
a personal encounter
with him.

Wed 21st Feb
from **8pm - 9.30pm**
Patrickswell Church
(prayer room)
More Info Contact Ann:
086 1602874

Lent at the Abbey

Sunday 18th February
'A New Beginning'
With Terence Crotty OP
Glenstal Abbey Library
4.30pm
Suggested Donation €5



St. Augustine's Church Ash Wednesday 14th Feb

Ashes will be distributed
after all Masses.

7.30am, 8.30, 10.15am
1.00pm & 4.00pm

Augustinian Lay Forum

The Augustinian –Lay Forum is a group made up of lay people and professed Augustinians trying to plan for the future of our Augustinian churches in Ireland.

This Sunday at all Masses Fr. John Hennebery (Irish Provincial) and a lay representative of the Augustinian Forum will address the congregation, and inform them of the existence and purpose of the Forum and to invite them to attend a regional gathering later in the Spring. If you are interested in moving forward with us and would like to be part of this gathering please give your name to any of the community.

♥ WMOF Celebrate St. Valentine's Day ♥

The World Meeting of Families is inviting couples to share special tokens of love with a difference for Saint Valentine's Day this year. As part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August, the World Meeting of Families 2018 are inviting individuals and couples to "Celebrate the Joy of Love this St Valentine's Day" and to mark this day in a number of special ways.

WMOF2018 have produced a book of free gift tokens that people can give to their loved ones. This year's tokens include invitations to share:

- A journey down memory lane – taking time to remember how we met
- A special meal cooked by me
- A technology free evening together
- Time together to pray
- A hand-in-hand walk together
- Loads of tender hugs
- A family outing
- A prayer that those looking for love will find that special someone.



The WMOF2018 are asking couples to acknowledge how precious their time is together and asking them to pick up a book of tokens and a special card to go with them and to share these simple acts of love and kindness with each other. There are also car stickers available to promote this year's event and St. Patrick's Day. All these resources are free to take away at the back of the church.

Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family.
www.worldmeeting2018.ie



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday could hardly make more tangible the transience of things and our own mortality. We start Lent humbly, close to the ground, close to our earthiness: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." But the ashes are not just to commemorate the transience of creation. These ashes used this Wednesday are the residue of the palms of last year's Passion-Sunday. Jesus died and was buried in a tomb, the place of decay and the place of dust. Yet he rose from the dead to new life. Our ultimate destiny is not dust and ashes but a sharing in the Lord's risen life, becoming conformed to the image of Christ. As we journey towards that destiny we hear the call to grow more fully into the image of God's Son, which is a call to turn away from sin, to repent. *The ashes are a sign of our desire to do just that.*

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