

St. Augustine's Church Limerick



Third Sunday of Lent 4th March 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

Augustinian-Lay Forum



**Interested in Joining
our Forum this Spring?**

**Taize Service
Thur 8th March
5.00pm**

Arthritis Ireland Camino 2018

This year Arthritis Ireland will bring a team of at least 20 Caminadors to walk the final 115 kms of the French Way, with our partners at Follow the Camino from the 5th –12th May 2018. Walking the Camino de Compostela while living with arthritis is a stretch target, but illustrates our drive to combat arthritis, and to take back control over the condition. With your support, we hope the Arthritis Ireland Camino 2018 can drive improved awareness of arthritis, and demonstrate the possibilities for living well with this disease.

The aim of this initiative is two-fold. We hope to demonstrate the ability of people living with arthritis to undertake a challenging activity, and to complete stages or a full week on the Camino de Compostela. We also hope that the Camino will generate much needed funds for the development and expansion of Arthritis Ireland services and supports for people living with arthritis in Ireland. The cost for this adventure, includes transport (flight & airport transfers), bed, breakfast and evening meals, and the support of a professional guide throughout the journey. For more information go to www.arthritisireland.ie/ or see poster at the back of the church.



How to Read the Bible



For many people reading the Bible can be a daunting task. Where does one begin? How does one make sense of it? Well-known Redemptorist scripture scholar, Fr Brendan McConvery C.Ss.R has written this 'manual' precisely with ordinary people in mind. Its warm and friendly style invites and enthuses the reader into the subject which is presented in a sound, practical way.

Following the very successful programme run throughout the diocese of Cashel and Emily during Autumn 2017 we are delighted to welcome the author of this manual which was used in this course. Fr. Brendan McConvery will speak on the theme 'How to read the Passion narratives' on Wednesday 7th March in the Palatine Room Ballykisteen Hotel Limerick Junction at 7.30pm.

Fairtrade



Drop by the Fairtrade stand at the back of the church and check out the Fairtrade products, then enter your name in the draw for the Hamper.

Lent at the Abbey

This Sunday 4th March
'Crossing the Red Sea'
with
Francis Cousins
Glenstal Abbey Library
4.30pm



Prayer for Shelter from the Storm

God of heaven and earth,
God who carries our lives
and the lives of our whole
community in your hands,
be with us.

Send us your holy angels
to watch over and guard us.
May they spread their holy
wings to give us shelter
against the storm.
We ask this through Christ,
Our Lord.
Amen.

Archbishop Eamon Martin of
Armagh encouraged the faithful
to say this prayer
during the storms of this week.

Reflection : Moving House

Psychologists tell us that, apart from the death of a loved one, perhaps the most traumatic experience a person can have is that of moving house. Those of us who have gone through all that is involved in this particular trauma can attest to the truth contained in these words.

One of the benefits derived from the exercise, however, is that we get rid of all the junk we have accumulated since our **last move. It could perhaps be argued that people's dread of moving is directly proportionate to the amount of stuff" they have gathered. The Israelites,** having come out of Egypt, had been through the experience, and were inclined to avoid too much clutter. (One of the psalms laughs at the pagans who "carry around their idols made of wood.")



Today we find Jesus clearing all the accumulated junk out of the Temple. But what is happening here is not merely the removal of unwanted items; by this symbolic act, Jesus is calling all the peoples of the earth **to worship God "in spirit and in truth."** True worshippers, he will tell us later in the gospel, are those who worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Excerpt from 'Moving House www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trocaire focuses this year on Sierra Leone, where they began working in the mid-1990's. **Kumba (right), who is the face of the Trocaire box** this year, along with her family. They are recovering from the terrifying mudslide that devastated the local community last August in Freetown.

Trocaire has been supporting communities like Kumba's since their foundation in 1973 and have been the practical outreach of the Irish Church to those most in need in the poorer countries where they work.



Trocaire Boxes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to support this Lenten campaign.

THE
**HAPPY
EASTER EGG!**

THE EGG THAT PUTS
JESUS BACK AT THE
HEART OF EASTER

The Happy Easter Egg? Have you heard about it? Well neither have I till I read an article in the catholicirelandnews.ie about a Wicklow business woman who decided to put the true meaning of Easter back in the Easter Eggs.

Julie Carvill, came up with the idea back in 2015 and has seen its popularity grow each year. These high quality chocolate egg and honeycomb crisp milk chocolates contain a Happy Easter Story booklet inside the box which tells the Easter story in illustrated rhyme.



These eggs can be ordered by individuals or parishes online at www.happyeasteregg.ie or 085 2293722. The order deadline is 11th March.