

St. Augustine's Church Limerick

Fourth Sunday of Lent 11th 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



Used to be known as **Mothering Sunday**, the Fourth Sunday of Lent – time of gladness and rejoicing as we approach the Joys of Easter. The heart of this Special Day is filled with the spirit of the Gospels – Love, Respect, Thanks, Appreciation, and Honour to our Mothers, who have been given by God their exceptional role for humanity. Spare a thought and a prayer for mothers who are alone with their children today, mothers separated, deserted or divorced. Think of families who are bringing flowers to a cemetery today because a mother has gone to God. It can also be a difficult day for mothers who have lost a child. Let us remember them all on this special day.

A MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION

God touching a mother in the miracle of her new-born baby,
in her child's love-hearts on a card
for **"the best Mammy in the world"**.

Burnt toast in bed from a seven year old.

Candles of thanksgiving for a child's recovery.

First Communion faces full of grace.

Tearful mothers in our Peace Garden.

Pleading eyes raised to Padre Pio.

Care-worn mothers outside courts and prisons,
ever faithful to prodigal sons and daughters.

Swords of sorrow piercing hearts.

Mothers alone, deserted, separated.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday
on their faces.

Thank You

Following a recent Sunday church gate collection at St. Augustine's Church, Milford Care Centre would like to thank everyone who supported them and are extremely grateful for your generosity.

The amount raised was
€137.31

L. Ryan O.S.A.

Child Safeguarding Sunday 11th March

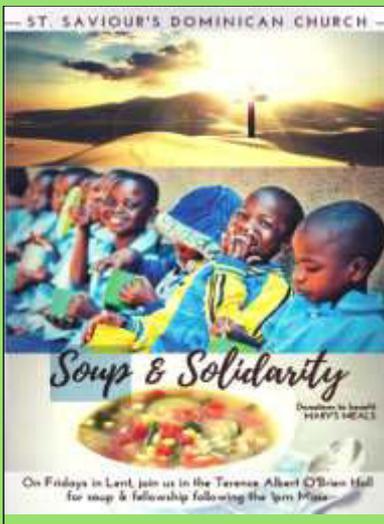


Lent at the Abbey

This Sunday **11th** March
**'Discovering God
in the Desert'**
with
Jessie Rogers
Glenstal Abbey Library

Choose Life National Newsletter

Issue 6 available at the
back of the church.



Soup and Solidarity Each Friday of Lent

St. Saviour's Dominican
Church
will be having soup lunches
each Friday of lent after the
1pm Mass
to support Mary's Meals, an
Irish-based charity.
Please support this cause.

Here in St. Augustine's we continue to promote safe and sacred spaces This is a ministry we can all share. Today we want to remind both ourselves and each community of faith, whether you attend regularly in this church or you happen to be visiting the area, that the protection of children and vulnerable adults is core to our ministry.

Everyone, but especially parents or guardians, need to be assured of this promise and our commitment, as Augustinians, towards the safeguarding of all children and young people.

To assist us in this work we have a Safeguarding Policy and a local Safeguarding group (with lay involvement) to watch over safe practices here. We are delighted to welcome to our safeguarding committee two new members Mr. Robert Ryan and Ms Mary Deegan. In all our Augustinian churches in Ireland today has been designated as Child Safeguarding Sunday. A letter from our provincial Fr. John Hennebery is available as you leave the church. This letter contains contact details should you have any concerns in this regards.



Limerick's St. Patrick's Festival celebrations will burst into life at midday on Saturday, 17th March. Street theatre companies LUXe and Lumen will be accompanied by the School of Spectacle in a colourful procession which will start on O'Connell Avenue (Roden Street junction) before winding its way through the heart of Limerick City Centre. This year's parade theme is **Circus 250** which promises to be a vibrant carnival of colour, celebration and craic! Grand Marshal: Marion Fossett

The 48th Limerick International Band Championship will take place on Sunday 18th March at 12 noon. The streets of Limerick will be filled with lively musical tones and the spectacular sight of over 1,300 talented marching band musicians from across Ireland, Europe and America. Ireland's only international band championship will start on O'Connell Street (Hartstonge Street junction) at midday, ending with a free concert for the public in Arthur's Quay Park where the winners will be announced.

On Sunday evening 18th there will be musical entertainment from 9pm as dramatic illuminations are projected onto Limerick's historic King John's Castle, followed by a spectacular fireworks display which will transform the city's skies into an explosion of colour! This promises to be a tremendous treat for the whole family and a truly dazzling end to the festival celebrations. In collaboration with Shannon Heritage and Limerick School of Art & Design LIT Viewing points: Clancy's Strand & Sarsfield Bridge.

Here in St. Augustine's our festive Mass will be at 11.15am. Our guests again this year will be Noirin Ni Riain accompanied by her two sons Eoin and Moley and the Garryowen Comhaltas. Our congregation will also be encouraged to participate in the singing bringing a festive air to our liturgy as we celebrate this special feast.