



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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3rd February 2019

Mass Times

Monday -Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
3.00pm

(Mass for the Sick)

SUNDAY

9.00am, 11.15am
& 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.45am-12 Noon
3.00pm-4.00pm

SATURDAY

10.45am-12noon
2.30pm-4pm



Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats

Since the eight century St. Blaise has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. He is said to have healed a young boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our **faith in God's protection** and love for us and for the Sick.

There will be blessing of throats at all Masses.
On Monday 4th February
7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am & 4.00pm

'I am With You': Caring for the Sick

A popular prayer book has been republished by the Dublin Archdiocese in advance of next month's World Day of the Sick celebrations.

I Am With You is aimed at those who are experiencing suffering or illness, or for those who are caring for those who are seriously ill.

Subtitled "Praying as we experience illness and as we care for those who are sick", the booklet features prayers compiled by Peter Murphy that are suitable for personal prayer in parishes, in the home, in hospital or in healthcare facilities.

The Dublin Archdiocese has suggested to its priests that it would be a suitable pastoral gift for those making visitations to the sick or First Friday calls.

Priced €1.95, the booklet is available from either Archbishop's House in Dublin, veritas.ie and the Abbey Bookshop (*on order*).

World Day of the Sick was introduced by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1992 and celebrated for the first time the following year. It is held on 11th February, the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This year the main World Day of the Sick celebration will be in Kolkata in India, where Saint Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity and order, noted for its work in helping the sick, the crippled, the blind, the infirm and the dying.

Pope Francis will not be at that Kolkata celebration – but in May he is due to visit Mother Teresa's hometown of Skopje in Macedonia, where the saint spent the first 17 years of her life as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu.

The Pope will be visiting Skopje, which is currently home to the Mother Teresa Memorial House, as part of a pastoral visit to Bulgaria and Macedonia.

Short excerpt from www.catholicireland.net



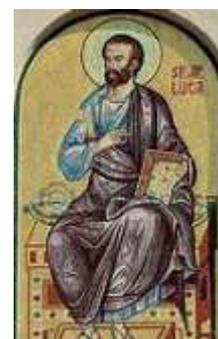
'Luke the Artist' Glenstal Abbey

The first presentation of five in the series „Luke the Artist“ exploring selected scriptural passages, as they have been interpreted through icons, art, drama, liturgy, music and cinema will take place in Glenstal Abbey on Saturday 2nd February with registration at 9am.

The theme of the first presentation is „Jesus in God's House“, with depictions of the Presentation (Luke 2:22-40): Luke the Evangelist and Ambrogio Lorenzetti and it will be hosted by Luke Mc Namara OSB.

The course will finish at 5pm followed by Vespers at 6pm. It is essential to book in advance. The cost of this course will be €70. with lunch and tea/coffee included.

To book go to events@glenstal.com or contact 061 621005.



THE EXPERIENCE OF WINTER

Help me to embrace the emptiness that is part of life to see it as a sacred space, open to God, ready for Spring and for Resurrection.

I pray

... for those who live in the valley of darkness
depression and grief.

... for those who live in the wilderness of broken
relationships

... for those who have famished hearts, those who have
never known love and affection.

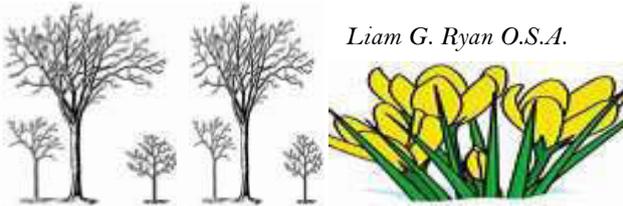
... for those who wander in the desert, away from God,
from church and religion

... for young people who drift through life without
meaning, purpose or direction.

... for those whose lives have been blighted by drugs,
alcohol or gambling.

... for those who resort to violence
to fill the empty spaces in their hearts.

... for the church in Ireland, going through its
Wintertime, its barren landscape. Amen.



Liam G. Ryan O.S.A.

Thought for the Day

One of the encouraging signs in today's church is the growing popularity of Lectio Divina, praying the Scriptures. This is best done with other people because it is so enriching as we benefit from the observations and questions of fellow pilgrims. It comes alive when I can say "today, this scripture has been fulfilled in my hearing."

Prayer:
Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. I beg

you to give me real understanding of what I need, that I in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into my heart. Amen.

(Origin, 184-253 AD)



Feast of St. Brigid Friday 1st February



St. Brigid of Kildare also known as Brigid of Ireland, is one of Ireland's patron saints along with Patrick and Columba. In Irish homes, St. Brigid's crosses were placed over the door in the different rooms and recognized as signs of protection from fire, from harm, and from hunger. There will be hand made Crosses available at the back of the church on Thursday 31st Jan and all proceeds will go to Amurt's projects in Haiti and Kenya.

Thank you for your support!

Words of Thanks

1. Well done to our ten Eucharistic Ministers who took part in the training course at the diocesan centre last weekend. We will continue to keep you posted on future training & workshops as they arise.
2. The proceeds of the collection made at the Crib at Christmas has be given to the local Samaritan branch. The amount raised was €1,180 and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

Community Heritage Lunchtime Talks

The first talk in the Spring heritage series will take place on Friday February 1st on the Life and times of the Abbey Fishermen. It will begin at 1pm in St. Mary's Ad Board Room, Widows Alms Houses, Nicholas Street with tea, coffee and scones afterwards.
Tickets €5 / 061-318106

