



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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10th 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 Our Lady of Lourdes

Mon 11th Feb



Message from his Holiness Pope Francis on 27th World Day of the Sick

You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

On the XXVII World Day of the Sick, to be solemnly celebrated on **11 February** 2019 in Calcutta, India, the Church – as a Mother to all her children, especially the infirm – reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved.

Life is a gift from God. Saint Paul asks: "What do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Cor 4:7). Precisely because it is a gift, human life cannot be reduced to a personal possession or private property, especially in the light of medical and biotechnological advances that could tempt us to manipulate the "tree of life" (cf. Gen 3:24).

Amid today's culture of waste and indifference, I would point out that "gift" is the category best suited to challenging today's individualism and social fragmentation, while at the same time promoting new relationships and means of cooperation between peoples and cultures. Dialogue – the premise of gift – creates possibilities for human growth and development capable of breaking through established ways of exercising power in society. "Gift" means more than simply giving presents: it involves the giving of oneself, and not simply a transfer of property or objects. "Gift" differs from gift-giving because it entails the free gift of self and the desire to build a relationship. It is the acknowledgement of others, which is the basis of society. "Gift" is a reflection of God's love, which culminates in the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic healthcare institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business; they must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requiring trust, friendship and solidarity. It is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian.

I entrust all of you to Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*. May she help us to share the gifts we have received in the spirit of dialogue and mutual acceptance, to live as brothers and sisters attentive to each other's needs, to give from a generous heart, and to learn the joy of selfless service to others. With great affection, I assure you of my closeness in prayer, and to all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing. *Vatican City, 25 November 2018*

Short excerpt from Pope Francis message on 27th World Day of the Sick.
(Full message) source: www.catholicbishops.ie

Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse takes place on Friday 15th February 2019, just one week before the historic gathering in Rome hosted by Pope Francis on 21-24 February Rome to discuss the safeguarding of minors in the Church. We ask for your prayers for all those who have been hurt by abuse in the Church. We pray for Pope Francis and for the success of the meeting in Rome at which senior bishops and religious superiors from around the world will be attending.

Limerick Diocesan newsletter

Valentine Prayer

I send a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
To fill your heart and bless your soul
with the precious gift of love.

I asked him for sincere love, the kind
that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love you give to those
you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family and from every
cherished friend,
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

Thought for the Day

We tend to think of the first disciples as somehow "clergy" with a call special to them. But that is not adequate. Jesus is first of all calling disciples, that is ordinary people, including ourselves. Discipleship includes experience, learning and risk. What experiences have brought me this far? What have I learned and am I still learning? How about the call to "put out into the deep"? Is the Lord asking of me a deeper following, both costly and lifegiving? How am I responding? Is there something in me hesitating and holding back? Do I need to hear again the words, "Do not be afraid"?



Prayer : God of surprises, help us to take the risk of following Jesus on a path of discipleship costing "not less than everything." Help us to let go, that we may live the Gospel fully and richly.

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Church Gate Collection Milford Hospice

There will be a church gate collection at all Masses this Sunday in St. Augustine's Church in aid of Milford Hospice. We would be grateful for your support!

Community Heritage Lunchtime Talks

The second talk in the Spring heritage series will take place on Friday February 15th on Limericks Social Life "Do you come here often". 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



It doesn't matter how you get there...
Blood Clinic
Wednesday 13th Feb
5pm-8pm
Greenhills Hotel
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...Please get there any way you can!
Save a life - give blood

Marantha Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a Prayer Ministry retreat with Fr. Robbie Coffey, Limerick and Sr. Mary Bridget Charismatic Renewal Limerick on Sunday 17th February, with Mass, Confession, and Worship at 2.30pm in St. Paul's Church Dooradoyle. Tea afterwards. All are welcome!

