



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



St. Augustine's Church

**Masses for Ash
Wednesday**

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

Ashes will be
distributed after each
of the Masses

**Stations of the Cross
after the 10.15am
Mass – every
Wed & Friday**

St. Augustine's Church Limerick

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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3rd March 2019

Ash Wednesday 6th March

From the 1960's prayer, fasting and penance were still recommended as the core of Lent but detailed prescriptions were dropped in favour of personal choice in these matters. There was a move towards conversion at a deeper level in areas more appropriate to each person and the lifestyle changes taking place around us. While the Lenten fast has always been rooted in Christ's 40 days in the desert, physical hunger could open us up to the hungers of the heart. Psalm 42 puts words on it: "as the deer yearns for running streams, so my soul longs for you, O God". A secular age cannot deny restlessness at the deepest level. Our fast can become an entry into solidarity with those who hunger for food and for justice.



It might be good to take a break from the internet, from the mobile phone, from television. Visit a neighbour who might be feeling lonely and isolated. Quality time for others and for God can be a real discipline.

Instead of exhausting ourselves with anger we might begin to embrace the austerities imposed on us by present circumstances, to live a simpler life of giving and sharing. Without that spirit governments, economies and churches flounder. Ashes on the forehead next Wednesday is a stark reminder of our mortality, and the treasure we carry within earthen vessels.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination.
The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent,
holy space that holds your Spirit.

This special time beckons me to see my life
through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate.

Give me the grace to enter the space of these days
with anticipation of our meeting.

And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness
flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart.

I ask this for the sake of your love. Amen

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

The theme for the 2019 Trocaire campaign is - „Land rights in the developing world.“ The campaign focuses upon three stories of children (Maria, Patricia and Maya) who are displaced from their homes - in Guatemala, Uganda and Lebanon (Refugee Camp) - as a result of eviction triggered through vested interest and aggressive economics, lack of rights to land for widows specifically, the ongoing war in Syria and the need to flee for safety - (respectively).

Trócaire would like to express their gratitude to you for your great support down through the years and for the difference it makes to many in the developing world. Working in 20 countries in the world in the name of the Catholic Church and the Gospel, its work is that of development, recovery and solidarity with some of the world's poorest and most marginalized.

There will be Trocaire Boxes available at the back of the church from Wednesday onwards!

Fairtrade Fortnight

Create Fairtrade is the theme for Fairtrade Fortnight this year. We are asking everyone to re-imagine what we can do to make Fairtrade a reality for more farmers and workers. And in doing so we will be helping to achieve many of the most important United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Thanks to millions of people, in Ireland and internationally, Fairtrade is making real differences for people, the environment and the planet. We are encouraged to buy Fairtrade products such as tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar, biscuits, bananas in our local stores. All these items will have the „Fairtrade Logo“ on them. Farmers in the developing world benefit greatly from Fairtrade. They are paid a fair price for their produce.

Drop by the stand at the back of the church and enter the draw for the Fairtrade Hamper.



Dublin's Camino Centre Opens



Because of restoration work to its interior, this year Santiago Cathedral is closed, and pilgrims will only have access to the cathedral's crypt and to the statue of St James. The Botafumeiro, the enormous thurible used to dispense clouds of incense within the cathedral, will not be in operation.

Nevertheless, the Camino Society of Ireland, which is based at St James's Church in Dublin, is expecting large numbers of Irish pilgrims to make their way to the shrine in northern Spain.

Last year 7,548 people from Ireland completed the pilgrimage; and in 2018 the Irish comprised the seventh-largest foreign nationality making the journey. At the information centre you can obtain the Pilgrim's Passport, which allows you to stay at official hostels along the pilgrimage route, and which you use to record your journey on foot or on horseback so you can obtain your official *credencial* at journey's end in Santiago.

Source: excerpt from www.catholicnews.ie

1st Anniversary

We remember Fr. Frank Sexton whose 1st Anniversary occurred on Saturday 19th February having been prior here in St. Augustine's from 2009-2013.
May he Rest in Peace.



Desert Days

A day of quiet prayer, & reflection.

Saturday Mar 9th,
Westbourne, Ashbourne Ave
Tel Sr. Phyllis **087 9636893**
Cost €20 Inc Light Lunch.



Limerick Choral Festival 2019

The Limerick Choral Festival will end this Sunday evening with an organ recital by resident organist Trevor Selby in the Sacred Heart Church O'Connell St. at 5pm.