



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 Limerick 2nd Sunday of Lent

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17th March 2019

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

Profile of St. Patrick: He was born, about 410, probably in Cumbria, northern England, close to the Scottish border. Kidnapped as a young boy, he was shipped to Ireland as a slave and put shepherding sheep in mountains of Co. Down. He himself tells us in his brief story, Confessions, how he spent many nights in prayer. After six years as a shepherd he had a dream in which he was commanded to escape and return home. This he succeeded in doing. He then spent several years studying in various monasteries throughout Europe. He was ordained a priest and bishop and sent by Pope Celestine to evangelize Ireland. For 33 years he traversed the country and it seems barely a county does not have some memorial to St. Patrick. The saint died 491.

The Person of Christ was at the heart of Patrick's preaching and his personal spirituality. How powerfully this is portrayed in his prayer, known as his Breastplate. Dare we long, especially this weekend, to be filled with the Person of Christ as Patrick was. Let us resolve to say this little prayer regularly in honour of St. Patrick.

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THE BREASTPLATE

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity:
By invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three:
Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*



St. Patrick's Festival 2019

This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be a carnival of colour and celebration with music, dance and spectacle from local groups and internationally renowned street theatre companies. The parade theme, One Giant Leap, celebrates the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's moon landing and reflects Limerick's dynamic re-vitalisation recent years.

There will be a spectacular fireworks display which will transform the skies into an explosion of colour on Saturday 16th at 9.30pm viewing points from Clancy Strand and Sarsfield Bridge.

On Monday 18th March beginning at 12 noon the street 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 St. (Barrington St. Junction) at midday, ending with a free concert for the public in Arthurs Quay Park where the winners will be announced!

Event guides available at the back of the church. Limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival

'The church of the Future'



St. Michael's Church, Pery Square host its 175th anniversary talk **'The Church of the Future'** on Tuesday 19th March at 8pm. The talk will be given by the Most Rev'd Dr. Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin. Adm. Free

St. Patrick's Day

Masses: 9.00am & 11.15am (Festive Mass)

No evening Mass at 7.30pm

Bank Holiday Monday

Masses: 10.15am & 4.00pm

No Confessions

Stations of the Cross every Wednesday & Friday after the 10.15am Mass

Marantha Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a Prayer Ministry retreat with Fr. John Walsh, Limerick and lay speaker Jomon, Voice of Peace on Sunday 24th March, with Mass, Confession, and Worship at 2.30pm in St. Paul's Church Dooradoyle. Tea afterwards.

All are welcome!

Augsutinian Lay Forum



Details at the back of the church

Sat April 6th -10am-4pm

LENTEN REFLECTION WITH MUSIC AND READINGS SATURDAY 30TH MARCH AT 6 PM

Readings with Sacred Music, Instruments, Soloists, Hymns and Gregorian Chant.

Final Blessing with a Relic of the True Cross



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