



**St. Augustine's Church
Limerick**
Second Sunday of Advent
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8th December 2019

Advent Calendar

Mass Times

Monday -Friday
 7.30am, 8.30am,
 10.15am, & 4pm

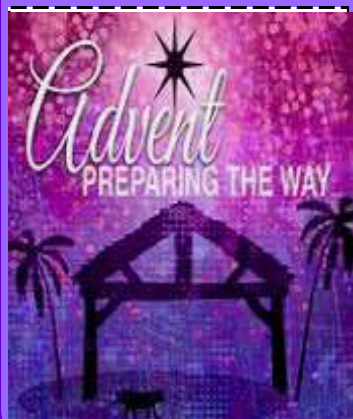
SATURDAY
 8.30am, 10.15am
 3.00pm
 (Mass for the Sick)

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
Child Safeguarding
Representatives.**

Fr. Noel Hession OSA
 Fr. Flor O'Callaghan OSA
 Geraldine van Dam
 Mr. Robert Ryan
 Ms Charlotte Gleeson
 Ms Mary Deegan.



Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh recently launched the 2019 online Advent Calendar which went live on www.catholicbishops.ie on the First Sunday of Advent. Now in its sixth year, the popular online Advent Calendar offers resources for the parish, school and home which can be accessed behind a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. The content is aimed at assisting people to pray and to reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season.

The unique interactive Advent Calendar has family prayers and suggestions for #LivingAdvent - acts of kindness or charity that all of us are encouraged to undertake during the month of December. The calendar also shares tips on how families can care for creation, our common home, by having a more sustainable Christmas.

Welcoming the calendar Archbishop Eamon said, "I invite everyone during this Season of Advent to enjoy our online calendar. It is there for people not just to reflect on the content personally but to share on social media. At this busy time I encourage everyone to take a few moments of pause to reflect on the true message of Christmas which is that Christ is alive and is our hope."

Source: www.catholicbishops.ie newsletter

Advent Reflection

When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his theme: Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand!" *Mt. 3:1*

O Jesus, in an empty desert your prophet John proclaimed: God is here, at your side. God has come to bring about a kingdom where injustice and suffering will be no more, where tears will be wiped away, and where those who turn to God will feast at a banquet.

"Turn now, your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives, God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert John said these things. Give me faith like John's, O Lord, strong enough to believe even in a desert that you and your kingdom are no farther from me than my hand. Make my heart strong like his, not swayed by trials or snared by false pleasures. Give me courage to be faithful until your promises are fulfilled. O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people.

Light

Parishes journeying together in hope

YOU ARE INVITED

Yuletide Carols

to celebrate family and friends this Christmas

with

Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Joseph, and St. Saviours

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 3PM

St. Joseph's Parish Centre



Want to remember someone who will not be home for Christmas? Bring an ornament with his or her name or picture on it to place on the tree!

St. Augustine's Church

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 9th December



Holy Day Masses:

7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am

1.00pm & 4.00pm

Redemptorist Christmas Hamper Appeal: „Leave no one behind this Christmas .. Please donate to the Christmas Hamper Appeal we need food, toiletries, and new toys. “If you would like to donate cash, please contact 061 315099 or msa@redemptorists.ie

St. Saviour's Dominican Church: On Thursday 12th December (The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe) there will be a talk given by Dr. Rita O'Connor on The Image and Message of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 1.30pm. Christmas at the Dominicans Sunday 29th December at 6.30pm. Featuring choirs from Adare, Askeaton and St. Saviours, the Dominican Sisters, and other performances. Tickets €15 /Seniors and students €10. Bookings can be made in the Sacristy between 12.00-12.45 each day.

Sacred Heart Church O'Connell St. On Sunday 8th December there will be a candlelight procession in honour of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6pm.

Advent at Glenstal Abbey: Here is the Lord: Come out to meet Him.

The second of these Advent talks takes place this Sunday 8th December at the Monastery Library – Glenstal Abbey at 4.30pm. The speaker will be Luke McNamara OSB. There will also be a **Carol Service** this Sunday 8th at 3pm in the church at Glenstal. All are welcome.

Ecumenical Lectio Divina- Sacred Scripture Reading and Sharing: In spite of a very cold evening last Monday we had another great turnout for our Lectio Divina in St Michael's Church Pery Square. It was a wonderful gathering from both churches sharing the Scriptures and moving from that into new friendships. This Monday 9th we return to St. Augustine's and we would like to invite more of you to join us at 7.30pm. Our sessions are being led and facilitated by Revd Paul Fitzpatrick.

Light in the Darkness Lunchtime talks' The third in the series will be given by Una Burns, Head of Policy and Communications NOVAS in St. Michael's Church Pery Square on Friday 13th December from 1pm - 1.50pm. Within the context of the fifty minutes there will be time for questions interaction and refreshments. This is open for anyone to attend.