



## Mass Times

### Monday -Friday

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

### SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

### 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



The Months Mind  
Mass for  
**Fr. Liam Ryan OSA**  
will take place this  
Sunday 5th Dec.  
at 11.15am. RIP



### **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  
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# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 5th December 2021

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## Bells of Hope this Advent

Bishops have asked that church bells would be rung at 9.00am on Sunday 12th December in prayerful hope for all during this Season of Advent. Sunday 12th December has been chosen as it is the Third Sunday of Advent which is Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday.



The bishops extended the invitation following their Winter General Meeting which concluded online on Wednesday 1 December. At their meeting the bishops also reflected on the past year and looked ahead to Christmas. They said, "Bishops said, "As Christmas approaches, we keep especially in our thoughts those who have been bereaved in the past year, and we pray for the gifts of healing and hope for all. We have now begun our Advent journey, a time of patient waiting and joyful hope. We look forward to the celebration of Christmas with quiet expectation and turn our hearts to the Lord with confidence and trust.

Source: [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

## Prepare for the Journey

Christmas celebrates the God with us – "Emmanuel". Advent celebrates the God who sends us out and also comes to receive us. It is the same God who fulfils both functions. As we celebrate Advent, and as our minds are very much tuned in to celebrating the God with us, born in the manger at Christmas, let us not forget the God who invites us to journey, to become, to be transformed. It is the same God. But if we do not choose to journey with the infant of Bethlehem, along the path of discipleship that will also lead us through his cross to the resurrection, then the great message of Christmas might well be lost. This, after all, is what our preparation is all about. We do not prepare for the birth of Christ – that has already happened. We prepare ourselves for the journey that is our discipleship. And Advent reminds us that this discipleship is our response to God's call so that, just as God is with us (Emmanuel), so, we will strive to be with God (faithful disciples).

Fr. N. Hession OSA

## Lay Ministry Programme

A final information session will be held on Zoom on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to explain the **Lay Pastoral Ministry** programme run by the Diocese with the Certificate element awarded by Mary Immaculate College. Currently we have 22 doing the course and they are thoroughly enjoying it. It equips lay people to take on various ministries and leadership roles within the Diocese. The programme is shaped in such a way as to be compatible with the lives of busy people and is suitable for anyone interested to pursue it. You are warmly invited to join the Zoom information session and find out more. Bishop Leahy is keen for many lay people to be involved as it will be important for the Diocese as it moves forward in new directions. To register to receive the Zoom link go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LayPastoralMinistry>



## All Night Vigil at Knock

On Tuesday 7th December, to celebrate and honour the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the traditional All Night Vigil will be celebrated in the Basilica at Knock. The vigil will begin on the night of the 7th and run into the early hours of the 8th December. The theme for this year's vigil is 'Into the Light'. For those who are unable to be with us in person, we invite you to join us online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) or on our Facebook page.

Source: [www.knockshrine/upcomingevents](http://www.knockshrine/upcomingevents)

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## Carols by Candlelight at Knock

Lift your spirits and spark the joy of Christmas with loved ones with 'Carols by Candlelight', preformed against the soft glow of candlelight in the breath taking surrounds of Knock Basilica. Featuring the Schola Cantorum Basilicae, the Knock Basilica Choir, together with the Con Tempo String Quartet and Organist Mark Keane. Streamed live to the world on Sunday 19th Dec at 8pm [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live)

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday December 8th - Holy Day

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## A Time to Reflect

We invite you to join us for a 'Time to Reflect'. A four night Christmas Retreat with Dr. Jessie Rogers, Sr Betty Baker, Sr. Helen Culhane and Sharon Collopy each leading a reflection. These events will run online beginning Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. -theme -'Making space for the new' - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 'Creating Connections at Christmas'- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>- Finding light in Darkness' and Friday 17<sup>th</sup>- 'My Christmas Moments' Each session will begin at 8pm and finish by 8:45pm. You will find more details on the notice board at the back of the church. Registration for the programme is necessary so you can be sent the Zoom link, you can register at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Christmas\\_Reflections](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Christmas_Reflections).

**Advent at Glenstal:** The second Advent Talk takes place at Glenstal Abbey with registration this Sunday at 4.00pm . This event will be 'live streamed' and will also be available as a recording . The theme of the second talk is 'the mystery of Jesus' origins – Abbot Brendan Coffey OSB

**Ecumenical Lectio Divina:** Continues Tuesday 7th December at 7pm in St. Michael's Church, Pery Square. All are welcome!

**Advent Calendar** Be part of our Advent journey this year by following the daily online interactive Advent Calendar and keep Christ at the centre of your Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season at : [www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar)

**Advent Walk :** our Advent Walk takes place today in the Cratloe Woods, assembling outside the church at 12.15 or outside the gates of the forest at 1pm. This should be a lovely day of enjoying the beauty around us and with some spiritual reflections. **Covid restrictions will be in place. Own car is essential.**