



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

12th December 2021

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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

Hope in the Peace of the Lord

This our **third week of Advent**, you will notice on the altar '**Hope in the Peace of the Lord**' (**Peace** is the new word for the week) . Lord *Jesus Christ*, You said to Your apostles, 'I leave you peace, My peace I give you...' "There can be few things that the world needs more than peace. We see war - and the effects of war. But peace is not simply about an absence of war and conflict .

The question is - how to get the peace in the first place? Well, we can - and should - pray for it. We can pray for places where there is conflict - focusing the love and peace of God on situations of violence. We can pray for peace in our own minds and hearts. Many people live in a state of turmoil - busy and hard-pressed with unresolved memories clouding their view of life.



Many people cannot believe that peace is possible: How can anything change the world? The answer for us lies on the promise: I leave you peace - My peace I give you... This isn't a peace that runs away from the pain of the world but which walks into the worst that it can offer - and redeems it. Here are a few suggestions: 1. Watch - or listen to the news. 2. Set aside time to pray for people who are caught up in conflict or violence. 3. Reflect on your own life, where are the conflicts and the pain there? 4. Invite God to help you make the changes you need in order to find peace.



**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.

Christmas Mass Times at St. Augustine's

Christmas Eve: Friday 24th December

Masses: 7.30am, 8.30am, & 10.15am

Vigil Masses: 7.00pm & 9.00pm

Christmas Day : Saturday 25th December

Masses: 9.00am, & 11.15am

No evening Mass

St. Stephen's Day Sunday 26th December

Masses: 9.00am, & 11.15am

No Evening Mass.

Confessions: Mon 20th - Friday 24th
10.00am -4.00pm





If you look for me at Christmas

If you look for Me at Christmas
You won't need a special star-
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where your are.
You may not be aware of Me
Amid the celebrations-
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find Me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.

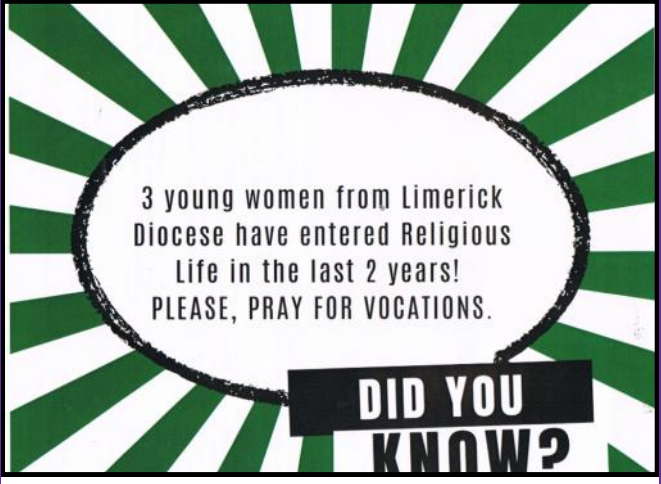

Love, Jesus



Carols by Candlelight at Knock

We invite you to join us for
"Carols by Candlelight",
performed against the soft
glow of candlelight
in the breath taking surrounds
of Knock Basilica.

Streamed live to the world on
Sunday 19th Dec at 8pm
www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live



3 young women from Limerick
Diocese have entered Religious
Life in the last 2 years!
PLEASE, PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Walking in Cratloe - Light to Darkness- Darkness to Light

Our reflective Advent walk in Cratloe, to prepare for Christmas was a beautiful experience. Nature reflects the message of the season.

We began our walk in daylight on a cold, crisp, dry Sunday afternoon, ideal for walking. The colour in Cratloe is magnificent at this time of year. An outdoor packed lunch lifted the energy and our short reflection at the beginning put us in touch with our 'Waiting' as we noticed that many of the trees in the wood, now bare, are 'Waiting'.

As we walked through the wood the daylight gradually faded until we came to the Grotto where we remembered those who are struggling, particularly with mental health and those who have reached their final 'Wait' to be called home. We left the wood as darkness was falling quickly and really experienced the shortness of these December days.

We arrived in Bunratty when night had fallen and noticed how much the Christmas lights gave life and light to that fairy tale village that is Bunratty, at this season. All enjoyed some great food and even better company in Durty Nelly's to end our lovely day.

We hope to do this activity more often and we will let you know. You will receive a warm welcome if you decide to join the walkers in 2022. Watch this space!!!

Geraldine Carey van Dam

'The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light.' Isaiah 9:2

Advent at Glenstal: The third Advent Talk takes place at Glenstal Abbey today with registration 3.00pm. This event will be 'live streamed' and will also be available as a recording. The theme of the third talk The Lord is near – Martin Browne OSB —5.00pm The Icons of Advent – Luke Macnamara OSB

Ecumenical Lectio Divina: Continues Tuesday 14th December at 7pm in St. Michael's Church Pery Square. All are welcome!

Time to Reflect. This four night Christmas retreat begins Tuesday 14th with Dr. Jessie Rogers. More details on the notice board at the back of the church.