

Feast of St. Brigid



Tuesday 1st February

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



St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

Fr. Noel Hession OSA
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Ms Charlotte Gleeson
Ms Mary Deegan.



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 30th January 2022

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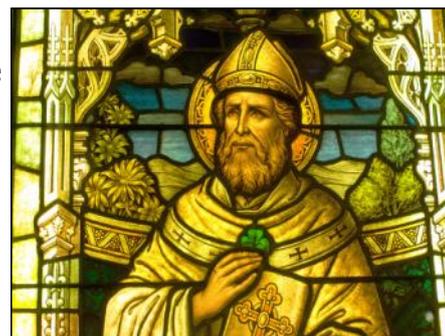
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Novena to St. Patrick

Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh has launched a nine-week novena in honour of St Patrick for the renewal of the Faith in Ireland. The Saint Patrick's Novena will take place in churches which have links to Saint Patrick, starting in Armagh Cathedral on 19th January and continuing for nine consecutive weeks. Week two of the Novena and Mass will be celebrated by Father Conor McGrath PP.

The novena will be broadcast on Wednesdays in different churches across Ireland following in the footsteps of St. Patrick. Pilgrims are encouraged to adore the Most Blessed Trinity, join in the celebration of Holy Mass, read the Gospels and pray, fast and do penance, as St. Patrick did almost 1600 years ago.



Commenting on the novena, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, "This novena, over nine weeks, is a wonderful opportunity to unite in prayer around the faith of Saint Patrick in places he visited on his mission to bring Christ's light to the Irish. Pilgrims can come in person to the churches or participate online.

"God sent Saint Patrick to bring His word, to enlighten the people of Ireland, at a time of darkness. 'The people who walked in darkness has seen a great light' (Isaiah 9:2). Through Saint Patrick, Ireland was evangelized and transformed into a Christian community from where the light of Christ shone out across the world. Today we live in a different world and Ireland has lost its brightness. Through this novena, we will implore God, to once again send the spirit of Saint Patrick upon us so that we, like Patrick, may become messengers of your Gospel of joy, spreading and strengthening the faith throughout our beautiful land".

Shalom World Prayer are broadcasting the novena on www.swprayer.org. You can download Shalom World app to watch on your device; also available on SW Prayer YouTube channel and Facebook page.

The national novena to Saint Patrick is the inspiration of Father John Mockler SDS, a priest from County Limerick, recently appointed by Pope Francis as a consultant pontifical theologian to the Congregation of the Causes of Saints. Speaking about the novena Father John said, "Ireland needs healing, families need healing, people of all ages need healing. All true healing will begin with a rejuvenation of the faith. Ireland needs St Patrick. He is God's gift to Ireland. Let us celebrate the gift of faith he brought to Ireland, for 'without faith it is impossible to please God'. (Hebrews 11:6). Source: Excerpts from CatholicNews.ie /www.catholicbishops.ie

St. Patrick's Prayer

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen

Source: ourcatholicprayers.com



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St. Brigid of Kildare also known as Brigid of Ireland, is one of Ireland's patron saints along with Patrick and Columba. She founded her principal monastery in Kildare, and is remembered for her generosity towards the poor and her care for the sick. A rich heritage of stories and traditions have grown up around her name including St. Bridgid's crosses which were placed over the door in the different rooms and recognized as signs of protection from fire, from harm, and from hunger. There will be hand made crosses available at the back of the church on Tuesday 1st Feb.

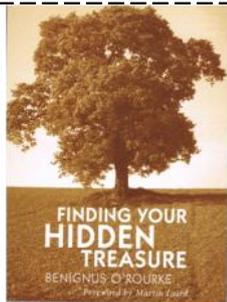
Thought for the Day

Probably all of us have experience of "small town Ireland" (or wherever). The limited set of expectations limits what we can see and recognise in others. It may even be that we are both victims and perpetrators! Familiarity does not always breed esteem. This is even true in the faith: we can be so "familiar" with it all that any sense of energy or newness has long since dissipated. And yet, we should allow ourselves to be surprised by the God of surprises: "See, I am making all things new". (Revelation 21:5) This newness of the Gospel is more radical than mere novelty: it is a new creation in Christ. New wine, new wineskins!

Prayer

God of the new, help us shake off the shackles of familiarity and come once more with open hearts and lives to hear again your prophet Jesus. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie



Finding your Hidden Treasure

The most important journey in life is the journey inwards, to the depths of our own being. It is a journey we are all invited to make. It takes us beyond words and images into silence. The silence allows the restless mind to become still and in the stillness we enter a new world. We return to our hearts. Here we find our true selves. We discover an ancient way of finding God that has almost become lost. Slowly, we realise that we are in union with the source of life and love itself. Our whole life changes. Our goal now is to take God's love to others in our everyday lives.

The author Benignus O'Rourke R.I.P. was an Augustinian friar and a member of the community in Clare Abbey, Suffolk & led hundreds of men and women, people of all faiths and none, on the way of silent prayer for more than forty years. This is a wonderful book and available in the Abbey Bookshop €12.75