St. Augustine's Church Limerick
13th February 2022

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

First Ordination in 10 Years

Last year 2021, Bro Stephen Shields OSA took his final step in the process towards his ordination as a Priest. He was ordained Deacon in St. Catherine's Church Meath St. by the retired Bishop of Lancaster, Bishop Michael Gregory Campbell OSA. Bishop Michael is a member of our English Province and like Bro Stephen comes from Northern Ireland.

Stephen had a successful teaching career and all the outward signs of fulfilment, but was always seeking something more profound, and found this when he prayed and spent time in silence with God. This led him to the Augustinians. "You see, the essential Augustinian charism of coming together as a community, "one in mind and heart", was very appealing to me and something I felt that I could contribute positively towards. Contrary to what many people think, living as an Augustinian does not mean sacrificing everything that I know or believe in. In fact, I experience a great sense of freedom living the life I know God wants me to live. And I know our Order actively tries to make sure that each Friar is living their true vocational calling. I can honestly say that I feel entirely at home in our Augustinian communities. So I simply can't imagine not being an Augustinian now".
Source: Excerpt from Augustinians.ie/religious vocation.

Last Friday 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Stephen was ordained a priest by Bishop Michael who also presided over Stephen's diaconate. This was truly a memorable day for all Augustinians in Ireland since this was the first ordination to the Order in 10 years when Fr. Colm O'Mahony a Cork man joined us in 2012. We would ask you to support Stephen in your thoughts and prayers as indeed we ask you to support all Augustinians as we prepare for our coming Chapter in March.

A New Season of Hope

You are invited to journey through Lent with the monks of Glenstal Abbey in a series of talks titled 'A New Season of Hope' the first beginning on Sunday 6th March. Each Sunday afternoon talk will begin at 4.30pm in the Monastery Library and will be followed by refreshments and Evening Prayer.

The talks will be 'live streamed ' on the webcam , accessible at ww.glenstal.com/webcam and by clicking the 'Talks' button. To book please contact 061 621005 or email events@glenstal.com A donation €15 is kindly requested for each talk. More details on the notice board at the back of the church. Source: glenstal.com/ abbey/events

Thought for the Day

We all know from experience that happiness can be confused with all sorts of things — enjoyment, getting my own way, pleasure etc. We also all know— in our heart of hearts—that true happiness is not something that I have for myself but something that I am with others. Rather than something I possess, it is something that I am, with my values and vision. The paradox of human life is that we attain happiness not by aiming at it for ourselves but only making other people the focus of our lives and loves. In the words of St Paul: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

Prayer

God of our happiness, give us the wisdom that you alone can give so that we also may be wise and come to life in abundance, according to your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Source: tarsus.ie

Upcoming Events

Pure In Heart (a group of young people with a mission to reach out to young people) will be holding a monthly Friday Vigil from 7pm-10.30pm on 18th Feb, 25th March,29th April. This vigil will include the Rosary, Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, Benediction, Fellowship and Talk with refreshments afterwards at St. Saviour's Dominican Church. More information please contact info@pureinheart.ie

Youth 2000 (16-35) will hold their weekly prayer Meeting with Adoration, Reflections, & Music & Chat Mondays at 7.30pm at St. Saviour's Dominican Church. Feb 21st, Mar 7th, April 4th and Our Lady Help of Christians Church U.L. Feb 28th, Mar 14th, March 28th.

The Dominican Sisters will host a zoom meeting on 'Women in the Bible' -A Bible Study for Women: Thursdays from 8.30pm-9.30pm beginning February 24th. If you are interested please contact *limerick@op-tn.org* for the zoom link. For further dates see the notice board at the back of the church.

SUPPORT FAIRTRADE

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT takes place 21 Feb – 6 Mar 2022. What can you ? **LOOK** for the Fairtrade logo. When you **BUY** tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate etc with this logo you provide a farming family in the developing world with a fair price for their product so they can live with dignity. Fairtrade is not charity. It is about justice. There will be a display stand at the back of the church with more information from Monday Feb 21st , so do drop by and enter the draw for the Fairtrade Hamper. www.fairtrade.ie

A big thank you to all those, on the Feast of St. Brigid supported the stand at the back of the church with hand made Crosses. The amount donated was €1,095.96 all of which will go to support the Spirulina Project with AMURT.org in Haiti and Kenya helping people help themselves.

YOUR VALENTINE

There is a lovely tradition that on the14th February each year, through some mysterious primeval ordinance, birds begin to pair off together! And the 14th February is the feast of the martyr bishop St. Valentine. So for all you young and not so young lovers – Bless the Lord for that touch of the Divine Life we all call LOVE. "For God is Love and all live in love, live in God." St. John. Have a **love-ly** day!