



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 3rd April 2022

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday & Friday

following the

10.15am

Mass

Please join us!



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.



Synod Logo Explained



A large, majestic tree, full of wisdom and light, reaches for the sky. A sign of deep vitality and hope which expresses the Cross of Christ. It carries the Eucharist, which shines like the sun. The horizontal branches, opened like hands or wings, suggest, at the same time, the Holy Spirit. The people of God are not static: they are on the move, in direct reference to the etymology of the word synod, which means "walking together". The people are

united by the same common dynamic that this Tree of Life breathes into them, from which they begin their walk.

These 15 silhouettes sum up our entire humanity in its diversity of life situations of generations and origins. This aspect is reinforced by the multiplicity of bright colours which are themselves signs of joy. There is no hierarchy between these people who are all on the same footing: young, old, men, women, teenagers, children, lay people, religious, parents, couples, singles; the bishop and the nun are not in front of them, but among them. Quite naturally, children and then adolescents open their walk, in reference to these words of Jesus in the Gospel: "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children". (Mt 11:25) The horizontal baseline: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission" runs from left to right in the direction of this march, underlining and strengthening it, to end with the title "Synod 2021 - 2023", the high point that synthesizes the whole. Source: synod.va/en/news/of-the-official-logo-of-the-Synodal-Path.html

The Gift of Knowledge

This week we focus on fifth gift of the Holy Spirit: Knowledge. This gift is not just about having information: it is something much deeper, its what gives us certainty: we are certain that the Lord walks with us; we are certain that the Spirit calls us on this synodal pathway; we are certain that it is only by walking together in respect, tolerance, and love, that we will reach the goal the Lord has for us. We know that the message of our faith is a very important one for our world and that this message can bring consolation and hope to future generations. We know that this message is the most important thing that we can ever possess. We also know that no individual knows everything. We can always learn from others-particularly about our faith; and about what it means to believe. We need to learn from others if we are to grow in our knowledge and love of God.

Thought for the Day

The rush to judgment—so evident in our public discourse—is matched only by the resistance to forgiveness. Endlessly, we investigate, accuse, judge. As we all know, what is needed eventually is forgiveness—but where do we find it? In the Christian vision we do not have to carry the burden of our guilt forever precisely “because God in his forbearance had passed over the sins previously committed” (Rom 3:25 NET) In the current idiom, “we do forgiveness” and so we should!



Prayer God, whose name is mercy, we thank you for your gracious compassion to all. We ask that, as we have received, so we may give and forgive. Amen.

Source: [www.tarus.ie/Sunday reading](http://www.tarus.ie/Sunday%20reading)



Movie Night at St. Saviour's

Movie Night at St Saviour's Dominican Church - Friday 8th April - Begins with confessions available from 6pm - Family Healing Mass at 7pm - Followed by Movie 'Roe v Wade' (over 18's) - Donation only - To reserve your seat contact numbers are on the poster at the back of the church notice board.

Join us for talk and discussion on the topic of 'Why be part of the church?' on 11 April at 7:30pm, in St Saviour's Dominican Church parish hall (entrance from Dominic Street glass doors). Donation only.

Farewell Fr. Deogratias

Sadly this coming week we say goodbye to our dear friend and colleague Fr. Deogratias. Fr. Liam Ryan OSA welcomed Fr. Deo to St. Augustine's back in 2014, when he took up his studies in Mary Immaculate College. He was a wonderful support to the community here and also to the diocese. He leaves our shores for home in Tanzania and is looking forward to his return to his native country. We wish him every success and blessing for the future.



We Welcome back our Augustinian Community

We saw the return on Friday of our Limerick community of Friars after gathering in Athlone for their Augustinian Chapter. This takes place every four years when Augustinians in Ireland come together with some overseas representatives to discuss important issues and make crucial decisions under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. These decisions profoundly effect the life of the Province and its various ministries. The commission of a new leadership team for the next four years is initiated and the newly elected Fr. Tony Egan takes up his position as the new Irish Provincial. A big thank you to Fr. Eamonn O'Driscoll OFM with Fr. Deogratias who helped out in the absence of our own community.



Volunteer Recruitment

The Irish Cancer Society is looking to recruit Daffodil Centre volunteers for University Hospital Dooradoyle, Limerick. Daffodil Centre volunteers welcome, assist and signpost visitors to the appropriate information they required. If you are available to commit a minimum of 4 hours per month and are interested in this role, you can find further information on their website <https://www.cancer.ie/form/vol-form-daffcenter> If you would like further information please email volunteer@irishcancer.ie for more details.



Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 10th April. Masses will be at their usual times 9.000am, 11.15am and 7.30pm. Palm will be available at all Masses. There will be no newsletter. Times of the Holy Week Ceremonies will be posted on our website and notice boards at the back of the church from Tuesday 5th April.

