



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 27th November 2022

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First Sunday of Advent

Mass Times

Monday-Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
Mass for the Sick
3.00pm

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 commercial Christmas began many weeks ago. The spiritual journey towards Bethlehem and the heart of Christmas begins this Sunday, 27th November, the First Sunday of Advent. If you were to wish people a happy new year today, they would in all probability find it awkward. Nevertheless, we do start a new Christian year with the season of Advent. The different seasons reminds us of important aspects of being Christian, one of which is the conviction that we may always begin again and start new.

Last Sunday, we looked back and today we look forward: what are *my* hopes for the coming Christian year? How am I now? How would I like to be, as a person of faith, this time next year? What steps will I take to make that a reality?



Digital Advent Calendar

Now in its ninth year, this interactive digital Advent calendar retains a unique and popular online presence. Behind the 28 virtual doors, the calendar offers resources for schools, parishes and the home with short inspirational video messages, some seasonal crafts for children and prayers to help us keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations.

Welcoming this year's Advent Calendar Archbishop Eamon Martin said, "Advent is often described as a journey. Over the next four weeks we will journey towards Christmas while reflecting on the big themes and the personalities of the Advent season. Some of the major themes of Advent are: waiting and preparation, darkness and light, and the promise of comfort and hope. During this season we meet big personalities such as John the Baptist, the Magi and, of course, Mary Our **Blessed Mother who embraced God's will completely and made a special place for God in her life.**

"The Advent calendar invites each of us to make space for God in our lives every day over the next four weeks. Despite the hectic rushing around, getting the decorations and tree up, visiting and shopping, we are encouraged to travel on the Advent journey, pausing each day for a few moments to pray, reflect, and take some practical steps to enrich our experience of Christmas.



Archbishop Eamon concluded, "The Synodal journey, and the Advent journey, remind us that we are all pilgrims on a lifelong pathway. So, over the next four weeks, let us walk together with family, friends and community so that everyone can experience the good news of this forthcoming celebration, and in particular **those less fortunate than ourselves.**"

Source: excerpt from www.catholicnews.ie/ www.catholicbishops.ie



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Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.

Fr. John Lyng O.S.A.

Ms Geraldine van Dam

Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Mr. John Doyle



Advent Reflection

O Come God of our Hope
We invite your Word
into our hearts.
May we be awake and alert
To your presence in our world,
To your hope for our world.
Call us out of our apathy
out of our own selfish desires.
Help us to live as people who strive
to unite, rather than destroy,
To spread light,
rather than darkness.
Make your vision and hope
for this world our own vision,
And grant us the wisdom courage
and strength to work towards it.
Amen

Taize at Advent

Would you like to join us on a Thursday evening for Advent as we come away into that quiet space and meditate, listening to the beautiful chants of Taize. Beginning this Thursday 1st December at 4.35pm in St. Augustine's Church.

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

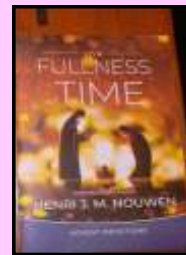


Advent Reading

The Abbey Bookshop in this church has an extensive range of new booklets and sacred readings for Advent to help you pray and reflect. Here is just a sample..

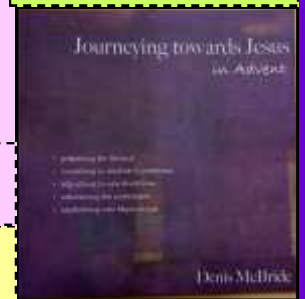


Seven Voices of Joy. By Lorcán Kenny.
Advent Prayer Series



The Fullness of Time
Henri J Nouwen

Journeying towards
Jesus in Advent.
By Denis Mc Bride



Thank
You!

Thank You

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary would like to say how grateful and thankful they are to all those who supported their mission appeal last Sunday in St. Augustine's Church. The amount raised was €1,460.58. This will go to help their missionary projects, ministries, and activities where they serve people living in need in the world. Please be assured of their prayers for all their benefactors.

Thank
You!

Advent Lectio

Our Lectio Divina with Fr. David Kelly will continue through Advent every Tuesday following the 4pm Mass. This is a lovely way of praying the Scriptures. Why not join us this Advent as we gather at the shrine of our Mother of Good Counsel. Bibles will be provided.

Advent at the Abbey

Beginning Anew, a series of Advent talks at Glenstal Abbey, starts on Sunday 27th November and continues on each Sunday leading to Christmas. The talks take place at 4.30pm in the Abbey Library and are followed by refreshments and sung evening prayer. Suggested donation €20. The talks are also live streamed and available as recordings.



Limerick Shoebox Appeal

On Thursday 24th November 7, 915 shoeboxes left the Limerick warehouse for Africa and Moldova. A big thank you again for all your wonderful support and the beautifully wrapped boxes and donations you dropped into us.

Carols by Candlelight

Knock Basilica

Sunday 18th December at 8pm

