



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 11th December 2022

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3rd 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

Gaudete Sunday

Hope in the Joy of the Lord

The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity **waited for the world's Saviour**—from Adam and Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament.

Some Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. During the first two weeks of [Advent](#) we light the first two purple candles. Many circular wreaths can incorporate a white candle to the wreath centre.



The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.



St. Augustine's Church

Child Safeguarding
Representatives.

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



Springs of Joy

Joy in believing might seem an "extra" in today's challenging climate for faith. Many of us struggle simply to hold on, not to mention being exuberant about it all. And yet, of course there is deep happiness in faith. First of all, everything around is a gift and behind all the gifts stands a giver. Secondly, love is at the heart of it all and, in the faith, nothing is ever "lost" or "wasted." Faith,

hope and love endure and the greatest of these is love. Finally, why not "permit" ourselves true joy in all that God has done for us and still does for us in Jesus and in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

We believe, loving God, that you take delight in all you have made. Open up in us again the springs of joy, that we may delight in you, our true joy.

Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday readings



Christmas Family Mass

We are happy this year to see the return of our Family Mass at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, a convenient time for children and families. This will be a child friendly celebration which includes the creation of a Nativity Scene with full participation of the children in the various parts of the Christmas Story. Children are invited to come at 4pm for a short rehearsal beforehand. All are welcome.



Saturday 24th December at 5pm
St. Augustine's Church



Christmas at St. Augustine's Christmas Eve Saturday December 24th

Masses: 8.30am & **10.15am**
Family Mass 5.00pm
Vigil Mass 8.00pm

Christmas Day Sunday December 25th

Masses: 9.00am, & 11.15am
No evening Mass

St. Stephen's Day Monday December 26th

Masses 10.15am & 4.00pm

Confessions

Monday 19th Dec & Tuesday 20th Dec
10.45am –12.00 Noon / 3.00pm –4.00pm
Wednesday 21st –Saturday 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



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Thursday 4.35pm
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Christmas Eucharistic Healing Service

Confessions, Adoration & Anointing of the Sick
at St Saviours Dominican Church for Pastoral Area 2:
St. Saviours, Our Lady of Lourdes and
St. Joseph's on Thursday,
December 15th at 7:00pm

Advent at the Abbey

Beginning Anew, a series of Advent talks at
Glenstal Abbey, continue this Sunday at 4.30pm
in the Abbey Library and are followed by
refreshments and sung evening prayer.
The talks are also live streamed and
available as recordings.

