



St. Augustine's Church Limerick The Most Holy Trinity 4th June 2023

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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



St. Augustine's Church

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

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Complications of God

Two weeks ago it was reported that Rublev's 15th century "Holy Trinity" icon (see front to this missalette) would be returned to the custody of the Russian Orthodox church by order of President [Vladimir Putin](#). Restorers and curators warn that moving it risks damage as it requires precise conditions of temperature and humidity. The Trinity, aka the Hospitality of Abraham, depicts the three [angels](#) who visited [Abraham](#) at the [Oak of Mamre \(Gen 18\)](#) and is interpreted as an icon of the [Holy Trinity](#). At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love, and hospitality: a community into which the person of faith is invited. Someone should have a word with Mr Putin about that.

In my student days I limped along behind some who got full marks in our exam on the Holy Trinity. It was a mystery to me. That came to mind when I read something by [Flannery O'Connor](#), a writer interested in God, Faith, Mystery, Church and Art. She wrote: *When Henry James received a manuscript he didn't like, he would return it with the comment, You have chosen a good subject and are treating it in a straightforward manner. This usually pleased the person getting the manuscript back, but it was the worst thing that James could think of to say, for he knew that the straightforward manner is seldom equal to the complications of the good subject.*

There may never be anything new to say, but there's always a new way to say it"
The Trinity is ahead of all others as a good subject. Equalling God's "complications" is beyond words.

Down on the popular plane, people do all sorts of things in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Footballers, faith strong or weak, do it running on to the field of play. (In a little refinement I don't understand many now bend down to touch the ground as well: maybe making a theological each-way bet, nodding to gods of the underworld as well as the ubiquitous Trinity). Many of us do so as we come in and go out, before we eat and after or even when we sense danger. Passers-by who wouldn't be caught dead, or until dead I should say, in a church often sign themselves with the same cross as they pass by. Football goalkeepers do it looking for guidance on which way to go as they face the so-called sudden-death penalty. Condemned prisoners do it as they face the real death-penalty. Hardy boxers likewise invoke the Trinity of Love as they set out to dislodge heads from shoulders.

Is this a proclamation of belief in the Trinity or just a semi-automatic cultural hang-over from times gone by?

A bit of both, maybe.

Still, you'd hardly be doing it at all if you didn't have some little belief that it does you good. And surely you wouldn't be doing it if you felt big enough and strong enough to get by on your own power in every circumstance.

We believe or sense that there's strength and protection in it. A mystery but a mystery of hospitality. St Patrick, our ancestors tell us, agreed -

I bind unto myself today The strong Name of the Trinity,

By invocation of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Better than crossing your fingers anyway. Much better than throwing salt over your shoulder.

J.L.

Thought for the Day

The Trinity is not first of all a puzzle, which in principle could be solved, but rather a mystery, a relationship which is first of all lived, never exhausted and only inadequately spoken of in words. This is true of any of the significant relationships in our lives and true, therefore, all the more so of God. Within the mystery of that relationship, we recognise God, from whom we come, in whom we live and move and have our being. We recognise the Son, the way, the truth and the life. We recognise the Spirit, who helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray as we ought.



PRAYER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie

The Blessing of Father, Spirit, Son
Holy Trinity Three in One,
be in our meeting and our greeting,
in the worship we share
and the words of our prayer.

The blessing of Father, Spirit, Son
Holy Trinity, Three in One,
be in our living and our breathing,
that through our hearts
and our words
your truth may be heard.
John Birch



NOVENA
In Honour of St Anthony
St John's Cathedral
Monday 5th - Tuesday 13th June

Mass each day at 10.00am & 5.45pm
(Except Monday 5th
(Bank Holiday) 10am only)
(Saturday 10.00am & 6.00pm)
(Sunday 10.30am only)
With Novena Prayers, Homily
and Blessing with Relic

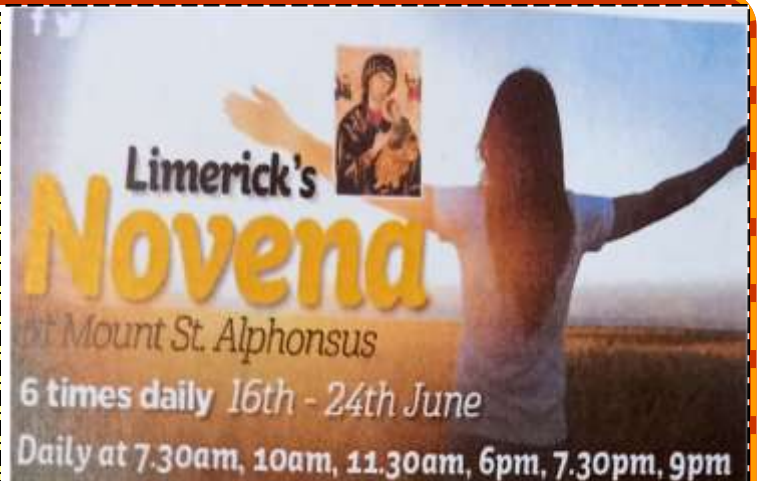
St. Augustine's Church

Monday 5th June Public Holiday
Masses: 10.15am & 4.00pm
No Confessions

Tuesday 6th Blessing of Expectant Mothers 5.45pm
Friday 9th Anointing of the Sick 10am & 5.45pm
Tuesday 13th Blessing of Lillie's 10am & 5.45pm

Coffee Day / Limerick4Life

Tea/coffee day and Bake Sale in aid of mothers and babies in need in the Limerick area! Saturday 10th June 2023, 10.45 am to 4 pm, Augustinian Church. Join us for nice treats with tea & coffee for a great cause. Take away available! Great raffle prizes on the day! Organized by Limerick4Life. Volunteer bakers welcome. Please contact us in advance. Details on the notice board at the back of the church.



Sunflower Days Frid 9th - Sat 10th June



Milford Hospice

Your support would be appreciated!

Sunday Arts & Crafts Club

Hunt Museum
June, July, Aug, Sept.
1st & 3rd Sunday at 2pm
Booking essential
€5 per child
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Limerick Sings

International Choral Festival Friday 9th - Sunday 11th June

A wonderful weekend of song including a workshop, opening concert at UCH. Concert at the Redemptorist Church on Saturday 10th June at 8.30pm Afternoon Proms on Sunday 11th June Holy Trinity Abbey Adare at 3.30pm Local & visiting choirs
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