

### Mass Times

<u>Monday-Friday</u> 7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am, & 4pm <u>SATURDAY</u> 8.30am, 10.15am Mass for the Sick 3.00pm <u>SUNDAY</u> 9.00am, 11.15am & 7.30pm CONFESSI ONS

#### MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.45am-12 Noon 3.00pm-4.00pm <u>SATURDAY</u> 10.45am-12noon 2.30pm-4pm



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# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# A November Prayer

God of hope, thank you for the special people I am remembering during this month.

Walk with me in my dark moments of grief and loneliness. Complete all the unfinished bits and pieces

remove all guilt for things unsaid, for words which may have wounded. Thank you for those who continue to love and support me through my grief. Give me hope, direction and courage.

May I continue to treasure precious memories and move beyond the difficult ones.

Turn my pain into compassion for others.

Help me to let go of my questions and to rest in the promise of meeting my loved ones again.

May I draw strength from the flickering half-lights of my faith. Restore my trust in the care of God and the hope of the Risen Christ. Amen.

# **Annual Remembrance Service Today**

Hospita

University Maternity Hospilar Limerick Annual Remembrance Service Sunday 5th November At 3pm

Church of the Holy Rosary Ennis Road Remembering our babies today & always

### 'Remember me at the Lord's Altar'

After a conversation in which this mother and son were lifted beyond the things of earth even to the **enjoyment of the things of heaven, St. Monica told her son, "Son, for myself, I have no longer any** pleasure in anything in this life. What I want here further, and why I am here, I know not, now that my hopes in this world are satisfied. There was indeed one thing for which I wished to tarry a little in this life, and that was that I might see you a Catholic Christian before I died. My God has exceeded this **abundantly".** 

#### (Confessions IX, 10)

Shortly thereafter, she fell ill to a fever and died at Ostia. On her deathbed she called her son Augustine together with his brother and, desiring to put them at ease regarding her funeral, said to them: "Lay this body anywhere, let not the care for it trouble you at all. This only I ask, that you will remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you be." (Confessions IX, 11)

## Thought for the Pay

Leadership is an issue in our world today: home, work, society, church. Two of our readings are quite stark critiques—the priests in the temple and the Pharisees of Jesus' day. There's plenty to reflect on for us today. Jesus does offer an alternative and we see that alternative in action in the second reading. Paul was a passionate pastor, who clearly loved those he served and gave himself fully to them and for them. He could be upset, as well, and angry at times, but always because he cared so deeply. For most of us not in leadership, the question is how can we help those in leadership to fulfil their role in a gospel manner?

Prayer: Good shepherd, bless the shepherds who care for us in your name. Help us also to know how we can enable truly Christian leadership in our time. Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday readings

FEASTS FOR THE COMING WEEK Monday 6th November All Saints of Ireland. Thursday 9th November The Church of St. John Lateran Friday 10th November St. Leo the Great, Pope Saturday 11th November St. Martin of Tours (Bishop)

Maranatha Sunday Retreat

Dear friends, there will be a Maranatha Afternoon

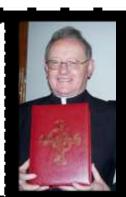
Retreat this Sunday, 5th November at St Michael's

Church, Limerick at 2.45 pm and ending with Mass

at 4.30pm. Please come along and as we gather

with praise and worship and prayer for our land.

All are welcome!



*'When I seek you my God,* I seek a blessed life. I shall seek you, so that my soul **may live'** St. Augustine.

R.I.P. 2nd Anniversary November 3rd Fr. Liam Ryan OSA

### **SHOEBOX REMINDER!**



Reminder that the deadline for the completion and return of your Shoebox gifts is Friday 10th November. Drop them into the Abbey Bookshop or the Pastoral Office.

#### DIOCESAN LITURGY DAY

Registrations will close on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm for our Diocesan Liturgy Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of November in St Munchin's College, so please do not delay in registering your place. I would encourage every parish to avail of the opportunity to hear keynote speaker Professor Thomas O'Loughlin author of "*Eating Together, Becoming One*" on creating unity and forming community. Tom will speak about "Synodality as a Fundamental Aspect of Christian Liturgy

*Cost for the day: €25 including lunch and materials. Registration is essential, please register your place and choose your workshops at:* <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DiocesanLiturgyDay</u>