



**St. Augustine's Church  
Limerick**  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
**31st December 2023**  
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**Mass Times**

Monday 1st Jan  
10.15am & 4.00pm

Tuesday - Friday  
7.30am, 8.30am,  
10.15am, & 4pm  
SATURDAY 6th Jan

Holy Day  
Feast of the Epiphany  
8.30am, 10.15am,  
1.00pm & 3.00pm  
Mass for the Sick

SUNDAY  
9.00am, 11.15am  
& 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS  
Resume

Mon 8th Jan  
MONDAY & FRIDAY  
10.45am-12 Noon  
3.00pm-4.00pm  
SATURDAY  
10.45am-12noon  
2.30pm-4pm



**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



**Beginning a New Year with Our Lady**

On the threshold of a new year.  
Draw us into the joyful, sorrowful and glorious  
moments of our life.  
Help us to draw hope from the mysteries of light.

Lift our hearts in thanksgiving  
for the great things of last year,  
For the small things scarcely noticed.

**Nurture us with a Mother's care.**

Cradle our worries in the womb of your peace.  
Keep watch with us through nights of grief and pain.  
Hold us through the fear of tomorrow.  
Let the Word of God become flesh in our loving,  
our forgiving our healing.

**We are not Alone**

From our first beginnings our great desire is never to be left alone. In the beginning we are encased in the nourishing womb of a mother who loves us but then suddenly we are cast out into a world of robed strangers. Perhaps the reason we are born crying is that we sense that we have lost our nurturing companion. In **the bright light of the delivery room we sense that "we are on our own" and our tears do not cease until we are embraced again in the warm arms of those who care about us.**

They hand us over to our mother and though we now perceive that we are **"outside" her we begin to understand that she still wishes to nourish us and be with us during the new frightening experience of facing the world.** The revelation that the coming of Jesus Christ brought to this world is simply this: **We are not alone! We are not "on our own" as we struggle through the ups and downs of our lives.**

D. Burt OSA

## Peace on Earth

Happy New Year  
From the Augustinian Community

### Feast of the Epiphany

Next Saturday  
January 6th is the  
Feast of the Epiphany.

It is a Holy Day.

The Masses here in  
St. Augustine's are  
at the following times

**8.30am, 10.15am, 1.00pm  
3.00pm Mass for the Sick**

Anointing of the Sick

Extra Mass 1.00pm



### Guiding Star

Lost and confused,  
be our guiding star.  
Open our eyes to daily  
epiphanies.

Reveal your presence  
to us in  
labyrinthine ways.  
May we find you in  
surprising places,  
with oriental Kings  
bringing gifts.

Home by another road  
the search goes on.



### St. Augustine's Church

Limerick Thomond Rotary  
will hold their special  
Yellow Ribbon

### Remembrance Mass

**Thursday**

**4th January at 4pm**



**All are welcome!**

## Thank You

We would to thank all those who prepared the church for Christmas. The Advent Wreath, the Crib, the volunteers who decorated the Christmas Tree and prepared the Family Mass. To all our musicians, singers and choir members who participated at the Masses over Christmas. To our florist, our Sacristan, our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and our wonderful staff at the Abbey Bookshop. To all these and the many more who help behind the scenes and support us in ministry throughout the year thank you. Finally to all our loyal friends and congregations here and across the globe thank you for your generous support throughout the year. Best Wishes and Happy New Year.



### Let your Light Shine

Lord, the light I choose to let into my life  
today is based on my hope in you.

It is a small flame,  
but I believe that it can dispel  
a bit more darkness today.

For it is through us  
**that Christ's light will shine**  
in the midst of the struggles  
and cares of the world.

## Twelve Cribbs of Christmas

For those of you who may wish to use the days over the New Year to visit some of the Cribbs of Limerick you will find the programme and prayers for each stop on the notice board at the back of the church. Taking a picture on your phone of the programme might be of help. Before you start out please check online as to opening times.