



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland

Abraham Adamu Moses and Me

Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,

10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

3pm Mass of the Sick

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

Today sees the *Third Scrutiny* in the Catechumenal preparation of adults for Easter Baptism: A Scrutiny by *God revealing what is valuable in each along with the ways they are hurting, sick or sinful not to reject but to call to new life and healing.* The prayer says *Free these elect from the death-dealing power of the spirit of evil.* A prescribed reading comes from the Book of Numbers. It tells of the plague of fiery serpents that met Moses and his cranky crew in the desert after they left Egypt. And how Moses used the divinely-prescribed antidote, a bronze snake on a pole, to save them. This, though its history is a bit tricky, became a logo of the healing professions. Our national patron's feast is a good day to remark that Irish lore would have Patrick there beside Moses as conquerer of serpents.

Just like Moses, I have my own snake-on-a-stick story. I made close acquaintance with one of their kind on the night Ronald Reagan beat Jimmy Carter in the US Presidential election. I was alone in the mission house. I took the radio with me on a visit to the bathroom to continue hearing the election count on Voice of America. I noticed a snake extending head and neck (can you speak of a snake's neck: if so, where does it end?) from beneath the rim of the toilet bowl in alarming proximity to my person and taking an interest in the surroundings. My reaction was instant. I was deprived of the African all-comers high jump record only by the low ceiling. The current state of my kit tended to hobble rather than enable any attempt at a speedy withdrawal but I got away as quick as I could. It was not an orderly retreat. With Carter and Reagan forgotten and Voice of America left to prattle away to itself, I left the scene to contemplate the battlefield from safe and neutral ground. There, I bravely concluded that I should do nothing. Next morning I put the problem to my cook and housekeeper, a man of resource and loyalty. He said he had seen such before and would deal with it. With the efficiency that was his mark, and without asking the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Snakes about permitted methods, he persuaded the reptile to leave its temporary lair and, shortly afterwards, its temporary hold on life. He emerged from the amenity like Moses holding carefully a serpent on a stick, in this case not a bronze image but, the real, recently living, creature. My man's name was not Moses but, no less Biblical, Abraham Adamu.

Even if the story of St Patrick ridding Ireland of snakes is a tall tale we bona fide members, Abraham Adam Moses and me, would warmly welcome him as an honorary member of our fairly exclusive company. **J.L.**

Stations of the Cross

JOIN US
Every Friday
for Lent following
10.15am Mass



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



Chrism Mass 2024 – St. John’s Cathedral

You are warmly invited to attend this year’s Chrism Mass which will be celebrated in St. John’s Cathedral on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30 pm. It is a wonderful Diocesan occasion when the Bishop concelebrates with all the Priests in the Diocese in the presence of many lay people who come from various parishes, congregations and orders, associations, movements and groups in the diocese. During the Mass the Bishop consecrates the sacred Chrism and blesses the other oils, that will then be used throughout the year in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. During the Chrism Mass, the Priests renew their priestly promises. You are most welcome to join in this lovely occasion.

Source Parish Notes

St. Augustine's Church Holy Week Ceremonies



No morning Masses on Holy Thursday Good Friday & Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday 28th March Mass of the Lord’s Supper 4.00pm

Good Friday 29th March Stations of the Cross at 12 noon
The Passion of our Lord 4.00pm

Holy Saturday 30th March— Easter Vigil 9.00pm

Easter Sunday 31st March—Masses: 9.00am & 11.15am- No evening Mass

Confessions - Holy Week

Monday 25th — Wednesday 27th
10.45am-12.00 noon & 3.00pm—4.00pm

Thursday 28th — Saturday 30th
10.00am –1.00pm & 2.00pm- 4.00pm

Desert Day in preparation for Holy Week “Companions on the Journey”

Silent Retreat with Eucharist & Reconciliation
Saturday 23rd March 2024; 10.30am to 5pm



Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre,
St. Munchin’s, Corbally, V94 9250

Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Ann Mulcahy
Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/Coffee/Snacks provided. Donation: €20.
Booking is essential, contact Phyllis at 087 963 6893 or email moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com

Scripture Reflection Lectio Divina for Lent

Our Lectio Divina for Lent will resume this Tuesday 19th March following the 10.15am Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This is a wonderful way of reflecting on the Word of God by allowing the Scripture to speak to our lives today.
All are most welcome!

Upward Call Pilgrimage

Join us for the Upward Call Pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist, to Bracciano, Roccasecca, Orvieto, Naples, Rome & more! The pilgrimage, led by the Dominican Friars & Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, will take place from the 16th - 22nd of June 2024 and is open to young adults, 18-35. The cost of the pilgrimage is €600 which includes ground travel, accommodation, and most meals (2-4 on your own). Please email limerick@op-tn.org to book your spot by April 1st.

'Living bread that gives life to man, grant my soul to live on you, and always to savour your sweetness'

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