

Augustinians



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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



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St. Augustine's Church Limerick 23rd June 2024 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Big Wind

(He was in the stern, his head on a cushion, asleep. Mark 4:38)

Thirty years ago Sharon Penman wrote the novel, *When Christ and His Saints Slept*. Set in that mid twelfth-century period known in English history as *The Anarchy*, it deals with the harsh conditions endured by ordinary people after the death of Henry 1 as the armies of Stephen and Maude battled to succeed him.

It was a time of faith: belief that Christ and Mary and the saints were the small people's protectors. The title of the book was inspired by the Peterborough Chronicle of the time giving voice to the anguish of the voiceless, "And they said openly that Christ and his saints were asleep." It can feel like that when people are kicked around, as Hopkins had it, like fortune's football.

It must have felt like that all over Ireland on the feast of the Epiphany 1839 - Twelfth Night "the night when the dead walk". The coming of the Magi was least of people's concerns then as the Night of the Big Wind bent and reshaped lives, land and sea. There were 16 deaths at Limerick Port as ships were torn from their moorings. Milford House was dismantled, Plassey House damaged. 40 trees torn up at Corbally, 100 trees uprooted at Lisnagry. In Caherguillamore Demesne near Bruff, "200 crows were found dead, having perished by the severity of the night". Eyewitness accounts under the heading '*Awful and Destructive Tempest*' in the *Limerick Chronicle*, 9th January 1839, said "in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, such a storm as that of Sunday night is wholly unknown in Limerick. At 8.30pm the storm set in, blowing a rough gale, which increased in fury every hour, until midnight when it raged as a perfect Hurricane. All of the gas lamps were extinguished. The watchmen in terror took refuge, no living creature being able to stand in the streets. Streaks of lightning, at intervals, illuminated the midnight darkness, as showers of slates at every angle strewn the ground, in pieces. The best built houses of the New Town were sadly dismantled in the upper stories...house tops and flues fell prostrate. The crash of window glass was general and incessant. Whole stacks of chimneys would occasionally tumble down, after struggling with the blast like a drunken man to hold his equilibrium. At Arthur's Quay, the houses rocked like a cradle. (Admittedly nothing reported around here matches the story from Co Down where a small pig was apparently lifted from a field and carried a quarter of a mile before coming to rest in the branches of a tree. They can fly, all they need is a fair wind). Turtle Bunbury in *The Night of the Big Wind* says "The hurricane of 6-7 January 1839 made more people homeless in a single night than all the sorry decades of eviction that followedThose bankrupted by the disaster included hundreds who had stashed their life savings up chimneys and in thatched roofs that disappeared in the night.

The Big Wind repaid a little of its debt seventy years later when, in 1909, old age pensions were introduced giving people over seventy five shillings a week from the State. For many who had no documentary proof of their ages, pensions were granted if they could remember the night of the Big Wind.

One such applicant was Tim Joyce of Co Limerick. "I always thought I was 60," he explained. "But my friends came to me and told me they were certain sure I was 70 and as there were three or four of them against me, the evidence was too strong for me. I put in for the pension and got it." Fair play to you, Tim.

Whether in *The Anarchy*, or the Big Wind or the Storm on the Lake, when things get shaky and I'm losing my grip, it would be good to have beside me the one who said Be Calm — even if he seems to be asleep. **J.L.**

Thought for the Day

While it is not comfortable, to be in crisis is probably the natural state of the Christian project. Even in Jesus' day: "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. (Luke 6:26) Likewise, quite early on, the story of the storm at sea was read as a kind of allegory, representing the (later) church undergoing trials. The natural feeling of being abandoned is captured in the raw emotion of Mark's account. Mark also tells us where to seek help: Who then is this? Like the disciples, we have no full understanding of Jesus and yet, like them, to him we turn.

Prayer: Lord, the sea is so wide and my boat is so small. Be with me. Breton fisherman's prayer.

Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday Readings

Daring to Hope Exhibition

Irish Religious Sisters Embracing the Unknown (1923 – 2023)

'Daring to Hope' is a social history project, which shares through a photographic exhibition, the work of Irish Religious Sisters in Ireland and overseas from 1923-2023. Throughout the years, the focus of the sisters in keeping with gospel values, was to go where there was the most need.

The exhibition will be on display in St. Augustine's Church, on O'Connell Street from Thursday 27th June to Monday morning, July 1st.

All are most welcome to come and see the exhibition.

Open from 10.00am – 5.00pm

An official launch of the exhibition will take place in the Augustinian church on Thursday June 27th after the 4pm Mass, approximately 4.30.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his love endures forever

Psalm 106

Augustinian Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 20th July

Tickets available in
Abbey Bookshop



Redemptorist Church Limerick



How Great thou Art
RED HURLEY

Spiritual Concert in aid of Clare's Wish Foundation

Saturday 29th June at 8.15pm

Tickets now on Sale from the Redemptorist Church shop
or www.eventbrite.ie

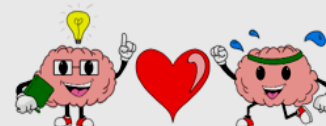


Summer Serenade Concert

Join Limerick Chamber Choir Ancór for their Summer Serenade Concert on Wednesday 26th June at 8pm in the People's Museum of Limerick Pery Square.

Source: limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse

Limerick Dementia



Social Club

for Persons with Dementia and their Carers and all seeking support with Dementia.

Join us the first Wednesday of every month 6.30-8.30pm for a chat, cuppa and fun activity.

Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre,
Childers Rd. Rosbrien, Limerick.

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| Wednesday 5 th June 6:30pm to 8:30pm |  Vision and Hearing Info Session from Specsavers staff. Magic and Mystery with Magician Terence Andrews. |
| Wednesday 3 rd July 6:30pm to 8:30pm | The Benefits of fun Light Exercise. Oola Choir Performance.  |
| Wednesday 7 th August 6:30pm to 8:30pm | Reminiscence Quiz down Memory Lane. Sing along with singer and musician Ray Collins.  |

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