



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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So You Are A King Then?

(John 18)

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



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Emperors and Kings do odd things. Nero won a clean sweep of the sulky-racing events at the Olympic games in 67. In one of those races he fell out of the vehicle and didn't finish the course but the referees declared him the winner. He got a few more gold medals, or laurel crowns. Some say one was for Poetry which was made an Olympic event by Nero and duly won by himself. And as a lyre-player none dared compare. He was, as they say, some man for one man! But the glory didn't last and the laurel withered. A year later he died after being condemned as a public enemy. Several of the events which had made him the supreme athlete of the Roman/Greek world were never again seen in the Olympic Games.

King Charles VI ruled France for nearly half a century and was in charge at the time of the Agincourt disaster. One of his many capers was to cover himself and his attendants all over with pitch and long hair to attend a wedding and dance as wild men. *Health and Safety* would have warned him but ... four of his company combusted and burned to death while festivity was in full swing. Other nobles jumped into huge tubs of dishwater as a fire protection measure. In fairness Charles may have had some tendency towards transparency and some awareness of personal fragility: he was prone to the delusion that he was made of glass that could shatter at any time.

King George III of England was another of those who "don't be well". He was known to order his carriage to stop in Windsor Great Park while he popped out to have a chat with an oak tree, apparently under the impression it was the King of Prussia.

The King of Sukur was already mentioned in this space. He was unusual in that, even though divine, he was democratically elected - by a people impressed by his ability to render himself invisible. Something that went with this gift was that he could never be seen eating. If he had to go away on government business he lived on a diet of his own beer. In the words of one expert, McBride, this king became "the supreme repository of the dynastic concept of divine kingship."

In 1930 his successor king tackled the recurring scourge of locusts. He collected a penny from every male in the region. This was to enable his smiths to smelt enough iron to construct a huge cauldron, big enough to confine all the locusts in the world and keep them from doing any more harm.

Our own Domnall Mor Ua Briain, variously King of Thomond, Munster and of Limerick, founded churches and did a bit of good but violence accompanied his rise and more violence followed his fall. Unlike George III, Domnall didn't talk to trees. Better still, we all see him since he emerged from a tree hundreds of years after this death, in **Will Fogarty's fine sculpture** standing in the grounds of **St Mary's Cathedral**.

Today we celebrate a king, a divine one too, who had no inclination to settle problems violently. He made no virtue of separation or invisibility or indeed of eating alone. The only tree we know he talked to was the fig. He ate, drank, walked, talked, lived and died with the common people. In fact he eats only when the hungry eat, aches when the sick suffer and weeps when the poor mourn. He lives after death and reigns after Calvary.



J.L.

Thought for the Day

It is possible to contrast the various philosophies and religions as systems of ideas and as ethical paradigms. What is distinctive of Christianity, however, is the centrality of the person of Jesus. In his own ministry, he proclaimed the Good News of the reign of God. The Good News for Paul is Jesus' death and resurrection. Christianity is different: we have not only a *message* but a *person* to proclaim.

Prayer: O Christ, you stand at the very centre of our existence as believers. Show yourself to us and help us to know you, love and serve you.

Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings

Augustinian Peace Morning

On Saturday 30th November join us between 9am to 12.30pm as we distribute candles to shoppers inviting them to light them over Christmas and pray for peace.

We need your help ! If you have some spare time perhaps you could join us and if so please contact Geraldine at 089 2410066.



Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

7,574 Christmas Shoeboxes left Limerick for Romania on Thursday 21st November.

A big thanks to all who supported this great appeal.



Nano Nagle's Sisters in Limerick 1837-2024

Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary a day when Presentation Sisters across the world remember their foundress Nano Nagle.

Nano Nagle saw Education as the key that would transform the lives of many people especially the poor. This was the time of Penal Laws when Catholic Education was forbidden.

In Limerick City Maria King was the pioneer of Catholic Education for girls. About 60 years previously Nano Nagle had responded to a similar need in Cork. Nano decided that her work would continue by establishing the Presentation Sisters in Cork. Maria King wanted to continue the work that she had started at No. 7 Sexton Street so with the help of Fr. Hogan P.P St. Michael's on May 8th 1837 three Sisters came from Cork and set up the Convent and Primary School. The Presentation 'Nunnery', as it was called was the oldest of the present Convents in Limerick City.

Sisters from Sexton Street started Missions in Castleisland, India, Australia, California. In more recent times they have gone on Mission to Ecuador, Zimbabwe and Pakistan.

Today on Presentation Campus we have a very fine Pre-School, Primary School, Colaiste Nano Nagle and Post Leaving College. We also have Our Lady Queen of Peace Janesboro. Over the past 187 years past pupils are to be found in all walks of life all over the world. This all began in Sexton Street 187 years ago thanks to the deep faith and the compassion and care of the valiant and visionary woman –Maria King.

Advent Desert Day

Silent Retreat with Eucharist & Reconciliation
Saturday, November 30th, 10:30am to 5pm



Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre,
St. Munchin's, Corbally, V94 9Z50

Facilitated by Phyllis Maguire RSM and Bernadette Murphy
Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/Coffee/ Snacks provided. Donation: €20.
Booking is essential, contact Phyllis at 087 803 0893 or email majurhanphyl@eircom.net

St. Saviour's Dominican Church

24 Hrs Adoration For Vocations

Mon 25th -Tuesday 26th November

12.00 noon - 12.00 noon (Break for 1.00pm Mass)