



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd March 2025

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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

All are welcome



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



As Others See Us

You see the splinter in your brother's eye but not the plank in your own (Lk 6)

Priests already a long time on our missions when we arrived often related experiences of the "early days." They were referring to a time a quarter of a century earlier when the place was still a British colony. It was clear that they had copied from colonial officers techniques for Europeans' survival, and sometimes comfort, in an unfamiliar climate and environment. There was, I suppose, a bit of lightly-clad boasting involved, but what harm? They worked in a hard place and took such comfort as the Commandments and terrain allowed. When on long treks away from the house they tried to ensure safety and sanity by taking with them hired 'servants' to forage, fetch, carry and guide. If that has a colonial echo about it but that's how it was.

Two of them told us of one such factotem called Abindanagani and how he got his name. He was their cook and camp-commandant, as it were, on a weeks-long tour. They were scouting for likely sites for school, church or some such foothold in new territory. At one stop after a hard and hot day's march Abindanagani was busy indeed. He assigned juniors to collect firewood and draw water. Under his supervision care was lavished on arrangements for bed and bath. Priority here would be discreet location, not easily attained in the open air among an understandably curious population. Next he cooked dinner in a pot resting on three stones and served it with style. Then he set up the camp-beds and dressed them to the highest possible standard, seeking to hang the mosquito-nets free as drawing-room curtains but secure as lion-cages.

As our missionary-pioneers enjoyed modest after-dinner refreshment they called their head-man again and again out of the shadows for service or information. They mentioned that that they felt exhausted. This latter intelligence moved him to remark "Abin da na gani (a thing I've noticed) is that you notice your own tiredness and you're not troubled at all by mine." To give them their due they saw the merit of his case. Lest they forget, they nicknamed him Abindanagani and the name stuck to him like a second skin. Concentrating on their own exhausting efforts led them to ignore the exhaustion of the poor fellow who had worn himself out in their service. We can tend to assign different degrees gravity to the efforts of others and our own. So also it goes, as Jesus points out in today's gospel, with our faults and failings. I may be tempted to shine the light on my own little effort while content to leave the greater service of another in the dark; to see and highlight the splinter in another's eye while ignoring the plank in my own.

We wont see all that's good if we look only in a mirror and we wont see all that's bad if we never do.

J.L.



Lenten Reflection

Life is full of reminders of our mortality, the fragility of our hopes and dreams, our feet of clay. The Ashes of Ash Wednesday roots us to the earth and clay out of which we were formed by God and returns us to the dust of our own dying. We must not forget that there is fire in the ashes, a fire that melts, moulds and shapes us, the fire of the holy Spirit bringing us the touch of God. How do I cope with the ashes of failure, defeat and broken dreams?

Prayer: Lord, mould us into your image and plan. Speak to us through the cracks of our brokenness. Amen

Source: The Pilgrim Way 'Earthen Vessels' by Fr. L. Ryan available at the back of the church, a lovely book for meditation at Lent.

Lectio Divina at St. Augustine's

Join us as we gather to hear God speak to us and reflect and meditate on the coming Sunday Gospels for Lent through Lectio Divina. It will commence tomorrow Monday 3rd March and each following Monday for Lent after the 4.00pm weekday Mass at the Shrine of Our Mother of Good Counsel. Facilitated by Sr. Mary Dolora RSM and Sr. Sean Marie RSM and should take no longer than 30min. Come and join us!
'Come Lord and dwell among us'.



Ash Wednesday 5th March

Mass Times at St. Augustine's Church
7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am,
1.00pm & 4.00pm.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.
Please note there will be an extra Mass at 1.00pm.

Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us every Wednesday following the 10.15am Mass for the Stations of the Cross beginning Wednesday March 12th.

Worldwide Day of Prayer

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on 7 March, the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. Blessed candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder to the faithful of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance; light in the darkness and hope. These 'Candles of Atonement' will be lit in diocesan cathedrals and churches on the Day of Prayer, and thereafter during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies. The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement', and the following prayer, are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9th World Meeting of Families on 26 August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin, when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.

Source: Parish Notes

Candle of Atonement Prayer

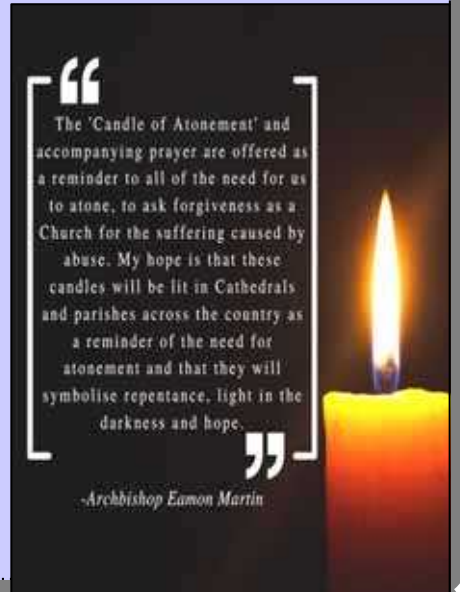
Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen



“The 'Candle of Atonement' and accompanying prayer are offered as a reminder to all of the need for us to atone, to ask forgiveness as a Church for the suffering caused by abuse. My hope is that these candles will be lit in Cathedrals and parishes across the country as a reminder of the need for atonement and that they will symbolise repentance, light in the darkness and hope.”

-Archbishop Eamon Martin