



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 1st Sunday of Advent

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2nd December 2018

Mass Times

Monday -Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,

10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

3.00pm

(Mass for 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

Advent

'Prepare the way of the Lord'

The season of Advent is a season of hope, longing and waiting. It is a forward looking moment in our lives as we live in eager longing for the birth of our Saviour. In our times of perils and confusion, the season of Advent gives us the hope to be part of that peace and joy the Child in the manger offers us.



Advent is a time to see our life for what it is and to acknowledge our failures caused by our own indifference and apathy. God is going to be one with us sharing in our human nature to perfect it and bring us back to our waiting Father in heaven.

Advent is God's gift to us, a gift that invites us to shake off the old in us and put on Jesus Christ to become new people acceptable to the Lord. Let us cast off the darkness in us and become part of the light.

Source: God's Word Daily Reflections 2014

'Music & Song are Instruments of Evangelisation'

Music and song are instruments of evangelisation, the Pope told the Third International Meeting of Choirs, which was held in Rome last weekend, but he warned the altos, tenors, sopranos and basses to make sure that everyone in a parish community was allowed to sing. After hearing choir members perform at an audience in the Paul VI Hall, Pope Francis told the assembled singers: "You have awoken the Vatican."

And he was full of praise for those who practise the musical arts in church liturgy: "Your music and song are truly an instrument of evangelization to the extent that you bear witness to the depth of the Word of God, which touches people's hearts, and to the extent that you assist in the celebration of the Sacraments, in particular the Holy Eucharist, allowing us to perceive the beauty of Paradise."

However, he warned choristers against the temptation of replacing the participation of the faithful in liturgical responses. "You are the musical animators of the whole congregation," he said. "Don't take its place, depriving the people of God of the chance to sing with you and bear witness to the Church's communal prayer."

Pope Francis urged the choristers to be innovative and to consider their role in many popular forms of religious expression. He said: "Feasts of patron saints, processions, dances, and the religious songs of our peoples are themselves a real heritage of religiosity that is worth appreciating and supporting, because they are nonetheless an action of the Holy Spirit at the heart of the Church."

Source: www.catholicireland.net (excerpt)



Feast of the Immaculate Conception



December 8th

Saturday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holyday).

Masses in St. Augustine's will be 8.30am, 10.15am, & 3.00pm (Mass for the Sick)

'Prepare the way of the Lord'

On Sunday 9th December, here in **St. Augustine's Church** we will be holding an Advent Service at 3.30pm. Please join us as we take some time to reflect on how we will prepare to welcome Jesus into our lives this Christmas.

All are welcome

Advent Reflection

O Come God of our Hope
We invite your Word
into our hearts.

May we be awake and alert
To your presence in our world,
To your hope for our world.

Call us out of our apathy
out of our own selfish desires.

Help us to live as people who strive
to unite, rather than destroy,

To spread light,
rather than darkness.

Make your vision and hope
for this world our own vision,
And grant us the wisdom courage
and strength to work towards it.

Amen

Advent at the Abbey

'Reset your Clock' Watch and Pray.

The first of these talks starts today Sunday 2nd Dec in the Library at Glenstal Abbey at 4.30pm, given by Luke Mc Namara OSB. These talks will be followed by refreshments, and finally Vespers at 6pm in the church. Donation €5



Maranatha Prayer Ministry

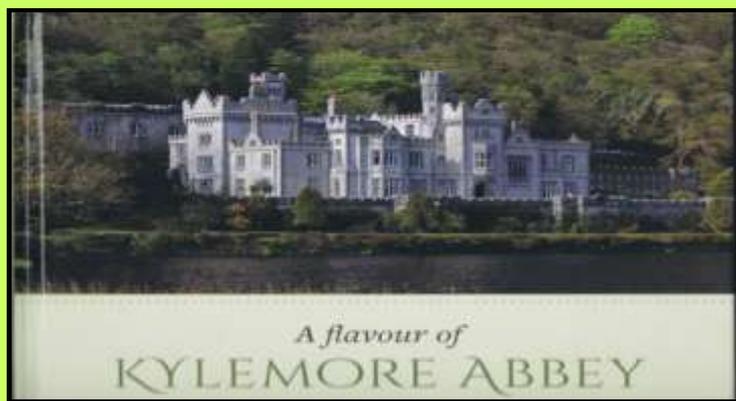
You are invited to a Christmas Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass with **Fr. Michael O'Shea Limerick**, on Sunday 9th December. It will be an afternoon of Praise & Worship with Confession, Mass and Adoration in St. Pauls Church Dooradoyle at 2.30pm. All are welcome.



New Pastoral Units in the Diocese

Those of you who attend St. Augustine's Church, from other parishes in the diocese are invited to take two flyers –one will indicate which Pastoral Unit your parish belongs to, the other is a pastoral letter from Bishop Brendan explaining the new arrangements.

Flyers available at the back of the church.



The sisters of Kylemore Abbey are a hardy group of nuns who handle tens of thousands of eager visitors to their home in the heart of Connemara. The nuns are famous for their Benedictine welcome and for their food in the abbey restaurant and tea rooms. They even make their own chocolate. Kylemore has recently announced a partnership with Notre Dame University and this has served to put it on the American map: this cookbook is aimed at both Irish and American markets. Available in the Abbey Bookshop.