



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 3rd Sunday of Advent

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16th December 2018

Homecoming Prayer

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

"Make your Home in Me , as I make Mine in You"

St. John

God of welcome and acceptance,
Call me home from the four winds of distraction.

Call me home to my own heart.

Welcome me into your peace.

Call me home from a far country.

Call me home from darkness and sin.

Welcome me into your forgiveness.

Call me home from my place of exile.

Call me home from the Christmas rush.

Help me to see divinity in a stable.

With St. Nicolas and with Jesus:

Give me a heart for the homeless, for the refugee.

Give me a prayer of healing for homes where
there is violence, grief or separation.

Give me a heart of love for those who are afraid to come home.

Help us all to turn our houses into homes,
into places of welcome and acceptance for

God and one another.

Amen.

Liam Ryan O.S.A.



Volunteers Needed

The Redemptorist Christmas Hamper Appeal is in full swing at present. We are planning – working with the SVP and many other organizations – on distributing 6,000 hampers across the city and county in the lead up to Christmas. We are hoping to raise £250,000 to help pay for the hampers and to enable us to support the Free Dinner Trust, and other groups who combat food poverty, during the year.

We are looking for volunteers to help raise funds by bag packing in Dunne's at the **Jetland Centre on Christmas Eve. Finding volunteers on Christmas Eve isn't an easy task.**

We hope to bag pack from 7am to 3pm but it depends on the number of volunteers. If you can spare an hour it will make a big difference, especially after 10am. Contact: 061 315099.

St. Augustine's Church Christmas Services

Masses

Monday, 24th December,
7.30am, 8.30am, & 10.15am

Family Mass at 5.00pm

Vigil Mass at 8.00pm.

Christmas Day

Tuesday, 25th December

Masses at 9.00am, 11.15am.

No evening Mass

St. Stephen's Day

Wednesday 26th December

Mass at 10.15am

Confessions for Christmas
Monday 17th to Saturday 22nd

& Monday 24th

10.00am — 4.00pm



Christmas Family Mass 2018

Once again this year we are having our Family Mass at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, a convenient time for children and families. This will be a child friendly celebration which includes the creation of a Nativity Scene with full participation of the children in the various parts of the Christmas Story. Children are invited to come at 4pm for a short rehearsal beforehand. All are welcome!



Monday 24th December at 5pm

Prayer

Prayer is like writing. We either do it or we don't. Talking about it reading books about it, talking to other people who do it isn't writing—and it isn't prayer. Clearly, we're not going to be doing other things while we're praying.

Clearly we turn off the TV, step away from the laptop, and put away the phone. I like to light a candle and a stick of incense, a little ritual to mark that I'm about to enter consecrated time and consecrated space.

-Sacred Space, Dublin: Messenger Publications, 2018, p.199



Stay here and
keep watch with me..

Advent at the Abbey

'The Visitation'-Divine Hospitality
Offered & Received.

The last in the series of these talks takes place today Sunday 16th Dec in the Library at Glenstal Abbey at 4.30pm, given by Padraig McIntyre O.S.B. This talk will be followed by refreshments, and Vespers at 6pm in the church. Donation €5 All are welcome!



Upcoming Events

- There will be a Christmas Market on Cruises St beginning this Sunday and running through until Christmas Eve. It will showcase wonderful handmade craft, art, seasonal treats and horticultural produce.
- There will be a Feast of Christmas Songs and Carols this evening in St. Michael's Church Denmark St. at 5.30pm. Admission is free but there will be a collection during the evening for this year's chosen charity GROW.
- The Boherbuoy Brass & Reed Band will host their Christmas Concert in the Band Room Lower Edward St. at 7pm this evening. Admission is free.
- The Belltable presents special Christmas screening of Elf an American Christmas fantasy comedy film. It will be showing on Monday 17th Dec at 8pm admission €8.
- Tuesday 18th at 8pm in St. Mary's Cathedral the annual candlelit Christmas Concert will take place. With special guest Paul Mc Namara (Tenor) Limerick School of Music Choir and the Ancór Orchestra. Admission is €20 Adults and €15 students.