



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick The Epiphany of the Lord

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## 6th January 2019

### *Restless Traveller*

### 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



#### **GUIDING STAR.**

Lost and confused,  
be our guiding star.

Open our eyes to daily  
epiphanies.

Reveal your presence to us  
in labyrinthine ways.

May we find you in  
surprising places,  
with oriental Kings  
bringing gifts.

Home by another road  
the search goes on.

L.R.

The astronomers, the scholars and the theologians may have questions about the historical details of the story of the Three Wise Men following a star but the exotic Magi from the East refuse to go away. They stubbornly cling to the heart and the faith memory, The Christ Child is revealed to the world and he does not belong exclusively to any particular group. You will find him in surprising places and in all kinds of company. **Despite our best efforts to own him he keeps**

**breaking out of all our human imprisonments and theological boundaries!** In turn he comforts, he disturbs, he heals, redeems and forgives. Who would expect to find him in a stable? What is my guiding star in life? He is found in the outer reaches of the heavens and in inner space!



The bargain hunters queuing for a store to open still searches for one elusive star that will lead them to the Crib and to inner peace. Wardrobes may be packed beyond capacity with "bargains" we do not need **but the heart still yearns for something more,** a place, a person where the pilgrim heart can find direction, meaning and hope. The young inhabitants of our global village, our new emigrants as they encircle the earth need some kind of radar, a spiritual compass, a guiding star? Where do they find it? *L. Ryan OSA*

### *Augustinian Reflection on entering a New Year*

On New Year's Eve some have the "time of their lives". Still, whether we are young or old, the eve of a new year is a good time to think about the times of our lives. The first thing to be said is that our time moves in a straight line. What is past is past and cannot be repeated or changed. What is future is ahead of us and for the most part is hidden from us. We know exactly what happened to us last year (bad and good) and cannot change it. It is part of our history, part of the story of our lives. We do not know what will happen to us in the coming year exactly and we do not have complete control over it.



Jesus came into time so that we might not be alone in living out the times of our lives ... past, present, future. He came into our time so that we might live knowing that our past can be forgiven, that he is with us in our present, and that he holds our future in his loving hands.

*Donald Burt OSA*

## Prayer

Most wonderful God,  
foolish and flawed though we are,  
we too delight in your beloved Son.  
As in his name we gather in the house  
of many praises.

May the heavens be opened for us,  
that we may catch a glimpse of that  
Light and Love  
that transforms our common days  
with a beauty not of our making.  
Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen



## Novena to St. Nicholas of Tolentine

The novena to St. Nicholas of Tolentine for the Holy Souls continues every Monday at the 10.15 am Mass. The memoriam books from the peace garden, remembering your loved ones are placed on the altar and included in this Mass. You are invited to attend as we remember all those who have died and those who have no one to pray for them.



## Milford Light up a Memory Tree

Lights will be switched off on Sunday 6th January 2019 at 6pm when Mass will be celebrated at Milford Care Centre for all those remembered on the Light up a Memory Tree. You are all warmly invited to attend.



## Columbanus Way

This year is set to be a major year in the development of Turas Columbanus, or the Columbanus Way, a pilgrimage route that crosses Ireland from south to north before stretching across mainland Europe from Brittany in western France to Koblenz in Germany, then through Switzerland and Austria to Bobbio in northern Italy.

In Ireland the turas starts in Bunclody, Co. Wexford, where Columbanus was born circa AD 540. It then travels over Mount Leinster to Myshall in Co. Carlow and through the midlands to Cleenish Island in Co. Fermanagh, where Columbanus was a seminarian. It then travels, via Armagh, to Bangor, Co. Down, where Columbanus was a monk for 20 years before departing, aged 51, with 12 companions to re-evangelise much of northern Europe.

Cllr Deborah Girvan, president of the European Columbanus Association, says the pilgrimage route has enormous tourism potential. "In today's hectic world, people are interested in walking pilgrimages like the *Camino* as a way of getting away from the hustle and bustle and finding themselves."

Thanks to a donation from French benefactors, a "Google Maps-style" smartphone app will be launched in mid 2019 that will allow pilgrims to negotiate the pilgrim trail in Ireland and across mainland Europe, with details of overnight accommodation and eating facilities along the route.

Full story [www.catholicireland.net](http://www.catholicireland.net) (short excerpt)



## Camino: Limerick Group



A group from this church will attempt the First Stage of the Camino Francais this coming September 2019. The trip will take ten days and as well as walking this beautiful stage of the Camino de Santiago, you will also have the opportunity to visit two Spanish cities. If you are reasonably fit, like the company of others, are open to meeting strangers along the way, this trip might be for you. Booking for this trip has already commenced however there are still places available. For more information contact: Geraldine Van Dam (choir) after the 11.15am Sunday Mass.