



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

Second Sunday of Christmas

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5th January

Thought for the Day

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

We are at the start of the new civil year and beginning again is an invitation to look in two directions. What happened for me in the last year, both in my ordinary life and in my life as a believer, a person of faith? For what do I ask forgiveness? For what do I give thanks? We also look forward and the new beginning gives us a chance to start again on the Way of discipleship. Both thanks-giving and renewal are to be found in today's readings. The Gospel is in invitation to wake up, to keep watch, to live fully the present moment under God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Prayer Wake us up, O God, at the start of a new year and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person every day of our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Source www.tarsus.ie



Never Alone

From our first beginnings our great desire is never to be left alone. In the beginning we are encased in the nourishing womb of a mother who loves us but then suddenly we are cast out into a world of robed strangers. Perhaps the reason we are born crying is that we sense that we have lost our nurturing companion. In

the bright light of the delivery room we sense that "we are on our own" and our tears do not cease until we are embraced again in the warm arms of those who care about us.



They hand us over to our mother and though we now perceive that we are "outside" her we begin to understand that she still wishes to nourish us and be with us during the new frightening experience of facing the world. The revelation that the coming of Jesus Christ brought to this world is simply this: **We are not Alone!** We are not "on our own" as we struggle through the ups and downs of our lives. D. Burt OSA

The Augustinian Community wish you a happy, peaceful and safe New Year.



St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

Fr. Noel Hession OSA
Fr. Flor O'Callaghan OSA
Geraldine van Dam
Mr. Robert Ryan
Ms Charlotte Gleeson
Ms Mary Deegan.

Youth Mental Health - A Community Conversation

As part of First Fortnight 2020 this event hosted in collaboration with Mental Health reform and Jigsaw will explore some challenges and innovations in Youth Mental Health Services. This event takes place on Thursday 9th January at 6pm in the Pery Hotel Glentworth St. Limerick. Limited spaces are available so registration is required by emailing ahughes@mentalhealthreform.ie
Source www.whatsoninlimerick.ie

A GUIDING STAR

Despite the best efforts of some to eliminate the Three Wise Men from the Christmas story, the exotic Kings from the East stubbornly refuse to go away! The human heart needs them. The young inhabitants of our global village need a guiding star as they encircle the earth. All generations search for meaning and direction through the complexities of modern living. We may rush to the sales after Christmas filling our lives with things we do not need but the heart can remain empty and yearning for Something More, a Place, a Person where the pilgrim heart can find peace and direction.

Tomorrow the 6th of January is the Feast of the Epiphany a Holy day. Masses will be at 7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am, 1.00pm & 4.00pm. Please note the extra Mass at 1.00pm.



NIGHT RIDERS

Kings of the Orient.
 Exotically dressed for the dessert.
 Night riders on stubborn camels.
 Guided by a fitful star.
 Manipulated by a fearful tyrant.
 Surprised by a stable.
 A Messiah beneath his station.
 Recognition in the wrong place.
 Late arrivals in the crib.
 Adoration beside common shepherds.
 Gifts and hearts opened.
 Christ revealed to all nations.
 Home by another way.
 Daily epiphanies on our journey.
 Star of Hope to guide us.
 Our pilgrimage to Bethlehem.
 Fr. Liam Ryan OSA

DIOCESE OF LIMERICK
 YOUNG ADULTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

8PM AT BOBBY BYRNES

4 FEB

PROVE IT!
 DOES SCIENCE DISPROVE GOD?
 Fr. Conor McDonough, OP

10 MAR

FIGHTING THIS PRESENT DARKNESS
 IS THERE HOPE?
 Paul Cesar

21 APR

YOUNG AND MARRIED:
 IS IT A THING?
 Katie and Jack Fenton

FINGER FOOD PROVIDED

Contact vocations@limerickdiocese.org for more information

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2020:

7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

St. Mary's Cathedral Presents

Sagittarius Hiberniensis
 Launch Concert of
 Sacred Choral Music
 for Christmas and Epiphany
 On Sunday 5th January at 5pm

LIMERICK TOY FAIR
SUNDAY 5TH JAN 2020
 10.30AM - 3.30PM
 CASTLETROY PARK HOTEL
 DUBLIN ROAD, LIMERICK