



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## The Baptism of the Lord

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### 12th January 2020

# Feast of St. Ita

## 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

Saint Idé - or St Ita - was known as the foster mother of the Saints of Ireland. Her name - idé - meant a thirst for holiness, and her feast day is on January 15th ( Wednesday).

Idé was born Deirdre, to noble parents in Deise, Waterford. She rejected an arranged marriage, instead professing vows to God. She left her father's safe home and set out with some companions for the Úa Conaill territory in the West of Munster, the present Co. Limerick, to a place called "Cluain Creadhail" which some interpret to mean "Meadow of Faith" and which is now called Killeedy. Here she founded a convent and remained for the rest of her days.

When she decided to settle in Killeedy, a chieftain offered her a large grant of land to support the convent. But Ita would accept only four acres, which she cultivated intensively so she became known as a patron saint for small holders. The convent became known as a training school for little boys, many of whom later became famous churchmen. One of these was St. Brendan, whom Bishop Saint Erc gave to Ita in fosterage when he was a year old. The great Navigator revisited her between his voyages and always deferred to her counsel. St. Ita, along with St Munchin and St Senan, is a patron saint of our diocese.

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The annual St. Ita's Mass will be celebrated in St. Ita's Church, Ashford, Co. Limerick on Wednesday 15th Jan at 11.00am. In preparation for this feast day there will be Adoration in St. Ita church Ashford on Tuesday 14th Jan from 10.30am -12 midnight. All are welcome!



### 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.

Ever living God,  
We rejoice in the life of Saint Ita of Killeedy.  
We give you thanks for her powerful intercession  
and we implore her continual protection.  
Inspire us by her example to live  
with joy our calling in life,  
give us perseverance to serve you all our days;  
we make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you  
and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, world without end.  
Amen



## Thought for the Day

Begin by recalling some special moment between yourself and your parents. Did you ever hear from them the equivalent of –This is my son, my daughter, the beloved: my favour rests on you”? In Jesus’ ministry, on several occasions, he felt such a word from his Abba, his Father. His baptism by John was one such moment, as was the Transfiguration later on. Such deep love and affirmation grounded him as a human being and as God’s prophet to the people of Israel. Our sense of calling grows out of our relationship with the Father, whose beloved we are, whose favour we too enjoy.

### PRAYER

Let us hear again, Abba, Father, your words of favour to each one of us. Direct us on the Way of discipleship, that we may be bearers of the Good News by simply being who we truly are before you, your children.

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## Maranatha Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a Healing Retreat with Fr. Robbie Coffey, Limerick and Sr. Rose Miriam Dominicans Limerick on Sunday 19th January 2020 at 2.30pm, at St. Paul’s Church Dooradoyle. Mass at 5pm. All are welcome!

## St. Mary's Cathedral Prizewinners Concert

St Mary’s Cathedral is delighted to host this special concert for prize-winners from the 2019 Feile Luimnigh instrumental competitions on Sunday 12th January at 5pm. Tickets €5.85—€10.85



Discover the world under one roof with The Holiday Show in association with Shannon Airport at the South Court Hotel Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th Jan from 11am –5pm /Free Adm.

## Winter God

God of Hope in the darkness of these Winter days keep the promise of Spring alive in my heart.

In the wilderness, hold me open to the hope of new life.

Give me an awareness of bulbs awakening from their Winter sleep, life stirring in the darkness of the earth.

In the dark places of my own spirit help me to notice the seeds of 'resurrection'!

Give me time and space to reach down into the soil of my own existence.

Show me how to nurture the roots of faith and love in the desert places of my life.

Amen

Fr. Liam Ryan O.S.A.