

World Day



of the Poor 2021

Mass Times

Monday -Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

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

Confessions back in
the original location.

Still Time



to drop in your boxes!



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14th November 2021

Fifth World Day of the Poor

"The Poor you will always have with you"- Pope Francis

For his message marking the fifth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis' has chosen the theme 'the poor you will always have with you' (*Mk 14:7*).

"This is a summons never to lose sight of every opportunity to do good. Behind it, we can glimpse the ancient biblical command: "If one of your brothers and sisters... is in need, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand to them in their need. Instead, you shall open your hand to them and freely lend them enough to meet their need... When you give to them, give freely and not with ill will; for the Lord, your God, will bless you for this in all your works and undertakings. For the needy will never be lacking in the land..." (*Deut 15:7-8, 10-11*).

"It is my hope that the celebration of the *World Day of the Poor*, now in its fifth year, will grow in our local Churches and inspire a movement of evangelization that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres. It is important to understand how they feel, what they are experiencing and what their hearts desire. Let us make our own the heartfelt plea of Father Primo Mazzolari: "I beg you not to ask me if there are poor people, who they are and how many of them there are, because I fear that those questions represent a distraction or a pretext for avoiding a clear appeal to our consciences and our hearts... I have never counted the poor, because they cannot be counted: the poor are to be embraced, not counted" ("*Adesso*" n. 7 – 15 April 1949). The poor are present in our midst. How evangelical it would be if we could say with all truth: *we too are poor*, because only in this way will we truly be able to recognize them, to make them part of our lives and an instrument of our salvation".

Source: short excerpt of his holiness Pope Francis message for the fifth World Day of the Poor. You can read the full message at www.catholicbishops.ie



Thought for the day

Our expression "to have time for someone" is a heart-warming one, because giving time to someone is a real gift of myself, part of our consciousness of being human. The opposite—lack of time—is expressed in another idiom "Money rich but time poor." To be poor in time is a great deprivation, even when self-inflicted. It is all a question of perspective, values and choices. We do need to value the fleeting time we have and not live only towards a future, as yet unreal, moment.



In the words of St Paul, *Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation!* (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Prayer : Help me, eternal God, to accept your gift of the present moment. It is the only moment I will ever have, so let me inhabit it richly and fully, and celebrate your gift of life in abundance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday Readings

Mass of Remembrance

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a particularly difficult time for those who have lost loved ones and have often had to cope with their grief without many of the usual spiritual and community supports.

To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead, this Sunday, 14 November at 3.00pm, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families. At the Mass the bishops will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic. This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online.

The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion.

Ecumenical Lectio Divina

To celebrate the season of Advent we will recommence our Lectio Divina gatherings, shared between the congregations of Limerick City Parish (Church of Ireland) and St Augustine's Church. We will meet on the Tuesdays of Advent (30th November; and 7th, 14th and 21st of December) Each meeting will be held in St Michael's, Church of Ireland, Pery Square Meeting will begin at 7pm and will last for approximately one hour.

Fr Noel Hession OSA and Rev Leonard Madden will facilitate the sessions . All are welcome

Light up a Memory

As preparations have begun for our annual Light up a Memory Christmas campaign, as in previous years, we are reaching out to you with a special request to sponsor a light in memory of someone special this Christmas.

Milford Hospice official 'tree illumination' ceremony will take place on **Sunday 5th December 2021**, but due to the ongoing prevalence of COVID-19 in the community, we will host this special ceremony virtually. The ceremony will be broadcast live on our website and on social media and we do hope you can join with us online on the day. Hosting the ceremony online has the added bonus of enabling friends and loved ones across Ireland and indeed, across the world, to experience our unique event.

Lights can be sponsored by visiting www.milfordcarecentre.ie or calling 061 485859 or please take an envelope placed at the back of the church and post it to us. We thank you for your ongoing engagement and support of our work at Milford Care Centre.