

Happy New Year



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 2nd January 2022

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## Second Sunday of Christmas

### Mass Times

Monday 3rd January

Mass Times

10.15am & 4.00pm

Tuesday 4th -Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,

10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

SUNDAY

9.00am, 11.15am

& 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Resume Jan 10th

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.45am-12 Noon

3.00pm-4.00pm

SATURDAY

10.45am-12noon

2.30pm-4pm

The Covid Prayer is now available for take away from the back of the Church

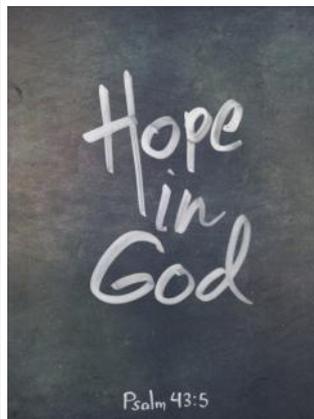
#### Covid Prayer

Eternal Father, we come before you united in the name of Jesus. We pray to you through the intercession of Our Lady of Limerick, Health of the Sick and Comforter of the Afflicted. We ask you to look after those who are ill from Covid. Speak words of comfort to all who are anxious, bereaved or stressed. Sustain us as this Covid crisis can wear us down. Come to the aid especially of those providing frontline services. Help us to draw light from the uncertainty of these times, that we may slow down and look out for one another, listen more attentively to the voice of the Holy Spirit, take better care of the planet, our common home, work together in social friendship for the common good, value the gift of family, and act humbly before your mysterious plans. Grant us through the Holy Spirit that we may trust more in your promises to protect and strengthen us, and that with new eyes we might see more clearly the loving signs of your merciful love surrounding us. Amen.



## The Three Wise Men come to Jesus

In the great Paris Cathedral of Notre Dame there are some wonderful carvings behind the Choir stalls. The panels are dark themselves but when lit up are simply glorious, coloured life, vividly portraying the Annunciation, the shepherds visiting the manger in Bethlehem, arrival of the Three Wise Men, followed by a striking portrayal of the Murder of the Holy Innocents and finally the Flight of the Holy Family into Egypt. One does not have to look far to see that some things never change – the plight of Innocents and today's plight of so many children born in poverty and uncertainty, the restless travelling of so many asylum seekers and refugees that are part of our world now. The whole of the Life of Christ, from Birth to Death and Resurrection is still being lived out today, if we can but reflect. In the Infant we can see the cost of God's faithful love. We too are invited to kneel and to see the ambiguities, uncertainties, and ordinariness that often surround us today. All can be transformed when we are in the Light of God's Love and see through His lens. Yes, there is Hope, always. "I am with you until the end of time."



### 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. L. Ryan

### A Revelation

"The word epiphany means a Revelation. Daily life is full of little epiphanies for those who have eyes to see and minds to reflect. They slip in through the cracks in our busy defences - a moment of peace, a glimpse of beauty, a morning star".

## 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.

## Thought for the day

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 thanksgiving 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](http://www.tarsus.ie)

## Twelve Cribbs of Christmas

For those of you who may wish to use the days over the New Year to visit some of the Cribbs of Limerick you will find the list below. Each stop has a focal point and a specific prayer. You will find the programme and prayers for each stop on the notice board at the back of the church. Taking a picture on your phone of the programme might be of help. Before you start out please check online as to opening times.

Crib 1. Mt St. Alphonsus, S. Cr. Rd.

Crib 2. St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell St

Crib 3. Sacred Heart Church, O'Connell St.

Crib 4. St. Saviour's Church , Glentworth St.

Crib 5. St. Augustine's Church, O'Connell St.

Crib 6. St. Michael's Church , Denmark St.

Crib 7. St. Mary's Cathedral, Bridge St.

Crib 8. St. Munchin's Church, Clancy Strand

Crib 9. St. Mary's Church, Athlunkard St.

Crib 10. St. Patrick's Church, Clare St.

Crib 11. St. John's Cathedral, Cathedral Place

Crib 12. Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, Co. Limk.

Emmanuel God-with-us, come to each one of us, and stay with us always.....

And let us be Emmanuel, God-with-us, to one another  
over these days and into the New Year. Amen

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Thursday is the Feast of the Epiphany (6th January).

It is a Holy Day.

Mass Times

7.30am, 8.30am , 10.15 am, 1.00pm & 4.00 pm

