



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 9th January 2022

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## 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



### St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

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## The Baptism of the Lord

Located on the edge of the desert, the Bible lands were dominated by the search for water, prayer for rain, long periods of drought. The desert loomed large in the history of God's people. For them water was life and survival. We are not surprised that this precious universal gift was used by John the Baptist to launch Jesus into his ministry of healing and preaching. That event is being celebrated in today's Feast. He instructed the first missionaries to baptise and preach the Good News. The Sacrament of Baptism is the first act of initiation into the church as his community of love.

In his Baptism Jesus entered his public ministry, in our Baptism we are called into active involvement in the life of the Christian community. Our responsibility begins with the warmth of a smile, the willingness of a helping hand. In an age when



promises, vows and commitments are becoming more difficult, we need constant renewal of our baptism. Dip your hands in a bowl of water to make contact with your roots in faith. Hear the voice of the Father speaking to you as his Beloved. Invite the dove of peace to rest gently upon you.

### **PRAYER**

Help us to create cradles of love and faith where the seeds of Baptism can flower into love and service. Amen



## World Day of the Sick

***'Be merciful even as your father is merciful' (Luke 6:36) : standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity'***

These words formed the theme of Pope Francis message for World Day of the Sick which was released on Tuesday.

The World Day of the Sick is celebrated each year on 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Pope noted that this year's occurrence marks 30 years since Pope St. John Paul II instituted the World Day to encourage all members of the Church to "be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them."

The Pope wrapped up his message for the 30th World Day of the Sick by entrusting all the sick and their families to the intercession of Mary, Health of the infirm.

"United with Christ, who bears the pain of the world, may they find meaning, consolation and trust," he concluded. "I pray for healthcare workers everywhere, that, rich in mercy, they may offer patients, together with suitable care, their fraternal closeness." Source: [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) / Excerpt taken from CatholicNews.ie

## Bishop Francis Duffy to be installed as new Archbishop of Tuam this Weekend

Most Reverend Francis Duffy will be installed as Archbishop of Tuam in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Tuam, this Sunday 9th January 2022, during the celebration of Mass at 2.30pm. He succeeds Archbishop Michael Neary who was appointed Archbishop of Tuam on 17 January 1995. Those wishing to watch the live stream may do so by using this link: [www.tuamparish.com/web-cam](http://www.tuamparish.com/web-cam)

Source: [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)



### Thought for the Day

The great scenes in the Bible, precisely because of their greatness and indeed uniqueness, can be difficult to access personally. For the Baptism of Jesus, there are at least two potential approaches.

Firstly, we could go back in our minds to a life-changing turning point in our own lives, so that we can speak of *before* and *after*. Secondly, we could also turn to our own experience when we felt deeply the affirmation of our identity and worth as "the beloved" of someone. In the case of Jesus, these are combined: his identity and life are one, something we would like to be able say about ourselves too.



### Prayer

Abba, Father, let us hear again today your words of affirmation to Jesus and in Jesus to us all. As your beloved sons and daughters, draw us more closely into your own life of love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)



### Prayer to St. Ita

St Ita our dearest patron saint  
thy loving children pray.  
Grant that we by thy protection  
May grow in virtue day by day.



## Feast of St. Ita

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 ( Saturday)

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.



The annual St. Ita's Mass will be celebrated in St. Ita's Church, Ashford, Co. Limerick on Saturday 15th Jan at 11.00am. In preparation for this feast day there will be Adoration in St. Ita church Ashford on Friday 14th Jan from 11.00am -7pm followed by Mass. All are welcome!