



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 6th March 2022

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First Sunday of Lent

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.

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



Pray and Fast for Peace

Archbishop Eamon Martin is encouraging families to pray together and fast for peace this Lent. Archbishop Martin was speaking as he launched the #LivingLent social media initiative for Lent 2022. The #LivingLent digital media initiative invites the faithful to use social media to grow closer to God during Lent so as to prepare for the joy and hope of the Easter season

"Our Lenten journey this year begins as we watch the distressing and frightening scenes from Ukraine. Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine. We can never take peace for granted. We must always work for peace, pray for peace and make sacrifices for peace. All of us have the capacity to build peace by our words, our actions and our attitudes to others. We choose to sow peace or conflict, love or hate, to build up, or to tear down, to heal or to hurt, to forgive or to resent, to soothe or to inflame. Pope Francis has invited us all to unite in prayer and fasting for peace on Ash Wednesday. I encourage the people of Ireland to join in this moment of prayer and solidarity with the people of Ukraine. I also ask that during the season of Lent that our acts of fasting, prayer and charity might keep in mind the people of Ukraine and all those in areas of conflict on our world."

Archbishop Martin said, "As we prepare for Easter over the next 40 days, our spiritual conversion can be nourished by daily actions, thoughts, prayers and words. In his message for Lent 2022, Pope Francis is inviting the faithful to sow seeds of hope. I invite everyone to read the Holy Father's short Lenten message and to avail of our #LivingLent initiative on social media, as well as our online resources on catholicbishops.ie which offer suggestions for fasting, prayer and charity – the three pillars of the Lenten season."

Source: Excerpts taken from www.CatholicNews.ie/www.catholicbishops.ie

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. AMEN.

Archbishop Justin Welby /Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Thought for the Day

The days of spring lengthen and Lent echoes nature inviting us as well to a new springtime of faith. As in farming and gardening, there is work to be done if new growth is to flourish or even to happen at all. We have to look back and see what has done well and what has, in effect, died off. We need to make space by clearing the ground and looking at ourselves honestly. It would be good to identify what will feed and sustain us during this journey from the ashes of Ash Wednesday to the new birth of the Easter.

Prayer

In this springtime, creator God, we watch new life appear from the dark earth after the night of winter. Help us also to grow. In us, there is darkness and night; yet we know that you can bring us once more to life. Amen.

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



An Appeal for Ukraine

The Redemptorists in Limerick have a special relationship with the Redemptorists in Ukraine. We have been in regular contact with them since the war began.

They have opened their churches and monasteries as places of safety and refuge for the victims of war and are also helping people who are waiting to cross the border into Poland. They are working closely with the Polish and Slovak Redemptorists.

They are working flat out but are close to running out of money. They asked us for help and as a result we have launched An Appeal for Ukraine. People are responding very generously.

It is possible to donate online at www.novena.ie or to make a credit card donation by phoning 061-315099. Cheques should be made payable to Redemptorists Limerick and mailed to Fr Seamus Enright, Mount St Alphonsus, South Circular Road, Limerick.

People are also welcome to donate by calling into the Monastery.

Every little helps and every Euro will go directly to the Redemptorists in Ukraine.

Lent at the Abbey

The first in the series of talks for Lent takes place this Sunday 6th March at Glenstal Abbey. The theme is Praying in Testing Times with Luke Mcnamara OSB. The talks will begin at 4.30pm and will be held in the Monastery Library followed by refreshments and Vespers in the Abbey. A donation of €15 is requested for each of the talks. More information on the notice board at the back of the church.



St. Augustine's Church

Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday and Friday after the 10.15am Mass. Please join us!

Thank you!



A big thank you to all those, who took part in our Fairtrade Hamper draw. Congratulations to the winner David Morrison from Limerick.

Redemptorist's Church

Time Apart...
Sat 12 March with God

A half day retreat in preparation for Lent



The day will commence with Mass at 10am and will finish at lunchtime
Facilitators: Phyllis Moynihan RSM & Bernadette Murphy

Join us in person at the Redemptorist's Church or via the webcam for some quiet time of reflection and prayer

<http://www.novena.ie/webcam>