



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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Spring Meditation

The human spirit is like a Spring garden. If growth is to happen, it must be made ready. Coming out of Winter, the soil can be dense and solid. It needs to be opened up to the Spring rain. It needs to be turned over so the air and light can penetrate it. Soil that is open creates space for seeds to grow. Fresh green shoots can come through to the surface.



Like the soil, the human spirit must be opened up to growth, rebirth, to new life— open to being watered by the surprising love of God. Nothing prevents personal transformation more than a closed mind or heart. Our inner garden has great potential for growth when it is turned over and seeded with hope and trust. Spring invites us to be open to change and surprise, open to the miracle of "resurrection" in our churches, in our communities.



With Synod—are we open to change, surprise and 'resurrection' in our church?

Are we ready to create space for different views, with different visions for the future, all in a spirit of sharing, respectful listening, and discernment rather than argument. Listening to the Spirit, to find new ways and languages to share the Gospel with our brothers and sisters. And to listen to what God is saying to the Irish Church at this time?

We are not alone on this Synodal road— the Lord walks with us, just as he walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were confused and frightened; he walked with them in their confusion and in their fear. We are strong

because we have the Holy Spirit with us; the Spirit who will not allow us to go astray as we feel our way through new territory.

This week we focus on the fourth gift of the Spirit, Fortitude. This gift enables a person "to overcome difficulties or to endure pain and suffering with the strength and power infused by God." Through fortitude, the Holy Spirit inspires and energizes a person to undertake great things joyfully and without fear despite obstacles.

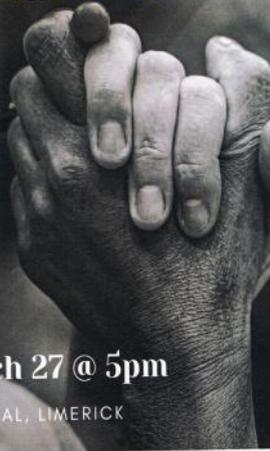
As with the other gifts, fortitude operates under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, so it perfects the virtue of fortitude, charging it with energy, endurance, perseverance and promptness. It strengthens a person to resist evil, to overcome lukewarmness and persevere to everlasting life. Moreover, it brings a confidence of success and certain hope, despite the most difficult circumstances.

Source: excerpt on Fortitude taken from catholicstraightanswers.com

let there be peace

Join Bishop Brendan Leahy
to pray the
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For the
people of
Ukraine
& Russia



Sunday March 27 @ 5pm

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK



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THE CATHEDRAL WEBCAM
<https://www.limerickcathedral.co>

Stations of the Cross

Bishop Leahy will lead the Stations of the Cross as we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia on **Sunday, March 27th at 5pm in St. John's Cathedral**. The Cathedral is sufficiently large to allow for social distancing if you wish to join us in person. As an alternative you can follow it via the webcam—
<https://limerickcathedral.com>

New Podcast Series

Father Paddy Rushe and Patrick Logue have started a new podcast series as an initiative for Lent 2022, with the aim of breaking open the Word of God. This new project, by 'Patrick & Patrick', is underpinned by the belief that, "lay Catholics, in particular, should become more immersed in the Word of God. The Holy Bible is God's Word addressed to us here and now, and speaks to us here and now. Through it, God wants to develop a living relationship with His people." With multiple short episodes a week, the podcasts are designed to highlight some of the important themes in the Psalms and to give listeners the confidence to allow God's Word touch their heart and influence their lives. People can access the podcast on Spotify, Apple or Google



Podcasts – or where ever they get their podcasts – by searching for 'PatrickPatrickPodcasts'
To subscribe to the podcast or to find more information, visit <https://patrickpatrickpodcasts.com/>
Source> Excerpt from CatholicNews.ie /newpodcastseries

Holy Week at Glenstal Abbey

Residential Retreat– Special Student Rate €130

Join the monks of Glenstal Abbey as we celebrate together Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Deepen your experience through inspiring retreat talks, time for reflection and by sharing the journey with others. Spend time in our sacred place and take time out in the stunning beauty of Glenstal Abbey's gardens and grounds. Booking glenstal.com/events/ / 061 621005/ luke@glenstal.com

Diocese Programme for Lent

The Limerick diocesan pastoral outreach team have put together a programme to support people throughout Lent. This includes daily thoughts, images, reflections and prayers with a different theme each week. These are posted daily on the Diocesan Facebook page; you do not need to have a Facebook account to access these resources. The Facebook page is set up so that it is

accessible to people who are not on Facebook; you can access the Facebook page on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseflimerick>. There is an introductory video at the start of each week explaining the theme. Each day at 7am an image is posted with prayers, food for thought and/or ideas for action. Fr Chris then hosts a review of the week each Sunday evening at 8:30pm live on Facebook where they chat and share experiences and learning.

