



**St. Augustine's Church
Limerick**
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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12th May 2019

Mass Times

Monday -Friday
 7.30am, 8.30am,
 10.15am, & 4pm
SATURDAY
 8.30am, 10.15am
 3.00pm
 (Mass for the Sick)
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



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Good Shepherd Sunday

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be celebrated this Sunday, 12th May, also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The purpose of this day is for the church to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into his harvest (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) We pray that young men and women will hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to religious life and priesthood.

How can we be an Emmaus Church for young people who are looking to find their way in the world? Last year's Synod of Bishops and young people, Faith and Vocational Discernment reminded us that we are each called to holiness, lived out through our vocations. The inspiration for the final document is drawn from the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, a wonderfully human story of accompaniment in loss, revelation of hope, and joy in finding their call.



This Vocations or Good Shepherd Sunday there is a twofold invitation and challenge for us as the people of God. Firstly, from the findings of the Synod it is clear the world over, 'young people have asked for an authentic, luminous, transparent and joyful Church: only a church of saints can live up to these demands! Many of them have left the church because they have not found holiness there, but rather mediocrity, arrogance, division, and corruption' (No 166 published in America 27/10/'18)

This resonates with Pope Francis vision of an authentic church, meeting the needs of the world, especially young people. In a time when opinion has supplanted fact, there is a need for people to preach and witness to truth. As a part of the family of God we need to exemplify the values of our faith, but in humility and compassion. It is interesting to note in a recent talk with young people in discernment for the priesthood and religious life, none had proposed themselves as candidates. They believed themselves to be not good enough. In each case, it was only after the encouragement of fellow parishioners and friends that they were able to take that first crucial step. We are called to foster and raise up such men and women with the capacity to be good shepherds not just now but anticipating the needs of our church into the future.

Short excerpt from Alan Neville MSC on Vocation Sunday 2019

Vocation Prayer

Lord of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage
to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideas, to great things.
INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love
and giving-
For vocations blossom in the good soil
of faithful people.
INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries,
and families with the confidence and grace
to invite others to embrace the bold and
noble path of life consecrated to you.
UNITE us to Jesus through prayer
and sacrament,
so that we may cooperate with you
In building your reign of mercy
And truth, of justice and peace.
Amen

Pope Francis

Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of
Prayer for Vocations.

Notices

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will host
a 3 Hour Vigil of Prayer for Vocations for
the Limerick Diocese in St. Nessian's church
Raheen on Saturday 18th May commencing
with the Vigil Mass at 6pm.

Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
under the Leadership of Bishop Brendan
Leahy

This year's pilgrimage will leave
Shannon on Thursday June 20th and
returning on Tuesday June 25th.

A limited number of sick or assisted
pilgrims will be accommodated in the
Sanctuary of Lourdes.

For more details please contact the Lourdes
Office, Limerick Social Services Centre,
Henry Street, Limerick.
Telephone: 061 314111

Parish Ministry Day on Lough Derg

The Parish Ministry Day on Sat 18th May will be of particular interest to those in lay ministry: readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, baptism and liturgy teams, safeguarding personnel, parish pastoral and finance personnel and so many others who support the parish in dedicated ways. This unique day on the Island offers the opportunity for people in lay ministry across all parishes and dioceses to gather together and enjoy an enriching spiritual experience.

The theme for the day is 'It is Christ we are serving' and guest speaker, Mr Jim

Deeds, will offer spiritual nourishment and ways to develop good self-care whilst giving of oneself in the service of the parish community.

Boats are available from 9.15am. The day will begin at 10.30am and conclude with the Celebration of Eucharist at 3pm. Hospitality on the day includes tea/coffee & scones and a light lunch. Boats return from 4.15pm. Admission: €25/£22 . For more information or to book contact 071 9861518.



The Late Jean Vanier



Tributes have been paid to the late Jean Vanier, who died last Tuesday 7th May aged 90. Jean Vanier set up his first L'Arche community in 1964 by welcoming two intellectually disabled men into his home in the town of Trosly-Breuil in France. Today, L'Arche has grown into an international organisation of 147 communities in 35 countries. Its aim is to create homes, programmes and support networks with and for people who have developmental disabilities. In his 90th year Jean was diagnosed with cancer and had to spend longer in hospital. Though speaking became difficult for him, he still strove to communicate with friends. He is author of over 30 books including the most recent: *A Cry is Heard: My Path to Peace and We Need One Another: Responding to God's Call to live Together*.

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