



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# 21st July 2019

## National Novena in Knock 14th - 22nd August

A host of high-profile speakers from the worlds of politics, media and faith are lined up for this year's National Novena in Knock.

The Novena marks the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Knock apparition in August 1879. This year's theme is "Continuing Our Journey". The schedule of speakers opens with former Taoiseach, John Bruton, speaking about "Faith, Future and Europe" on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August.

The next day Knock will host Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation in the Vatican. He will speak on the theme, 'Mary in the life of the Church'.

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, Olive Foley, wife of the late Anthony Foley, the Munster rugby coach who died suddenly in his sleep at the age of 42 in 2016, will speak on "Family and Faith". The mother of two is an ambassador for the Children's Grief Centre in Limerick, which offers support services for children who have lost a loved one.

There will be two sessions each day at 3pm & 8pm with the anointing of the sick daily at 2.30pm

For a full list of speakers at the novena go to [knockshrine.ie/national-novena2019](http://knockshrine.ie/national-novena2019)  
Extract source: [catholicirelandnews.ie](http://catholicirelandnews.ie)

## 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



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

Fr. Noel Hession OSA  
Fr. Flor O'Callaghan OSA  
Bro Michael Danaher OSA  
Fr. Paul Flynn OSA  
Fr. David Kelly OSA  
Ms Geraldine van Dam  
Mr. Robert Ryan  
Ms Charlotte Gleeson  
Ms Mary Deegan.



## Irish Nun Honoured

Sr. Berchmans Conway from Feakle, Co. Clare is to receive the highest honour of St Mary's University, Twickenham, in recognition of the almost 70 years she has dedicated to teaching in Pakistan.

The Benedict Medal will be presented to Sr. Berchmans by the Archbishop of Westminster and Chancellor of St Mary's University, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during a graduation ceremony. The 89-year-old taught at convents of the Jesus and Mary Order in Lahore, Murree and Karachi.

In 2012, while she was principal of the Convent of Jesus and Mary in Karachi, Sr. Berchmans was awarded the Sitara-i-Quaid-i-Azam, one of the highest civil awards given by the President of Pakistan, for her services in education and promoting interfaith harmony in Pakistan.

A special Mass to celebrate the conferral of the prestigious award was held on 25 March 2012. More than 600 people gathered at St Anthony's Church in Karachi for Mass, which was celebrated by Columban missionary Fr Robert McCulloch.

Sr. Berchmans will become the fifth recipient, and the first woman, to be presented with the Benedict Medal. Extract source: [www.catholicirelandnews.ie](http://www.catholicirelandnews.ie)

# The Climate Justice Candle

The Climate Justice Candle on the altar -is part of an initiative called "Shine a Light on Climate Justice" initiated by religious congregations, parishes and environmental groups. This candle has been journeying around Ireland and Northern Ireland since November 2015 (after the Paris Agreement). The initiative seeks to relate the effects of climate change to concepts of justice especially emphasizing that those in poor and vulnerable countries who are least responsible for climate change suffer its greatest consequences as a result of the mass destruction of forests, warming of the climate system, over consumption, intensive use of fossil fuels, rapid industrialization and so on....

The symbols on the candle.....inspire us to re-establish ways of living simply and in touch with the natural world that will ensure flourishing of life.

**Prayer:** God our Father, we pledge ourselves to live responsibly and use only our fair share of the earth's resources. May we bring honour to your creation and through our efforts redress the injustice of climate change. We pray through Christ our lord. Amen.



As part of the Curraghgower Singers recent performance in St. Augustine's Church the retiring collection for Novas raised €514.22. Novas would like to thank everyone who supported this collection. The money raised will go to supporting the nightly street outreach programme that relies on donations to survive.

## Feast of St. Mary Magdalene Monday 22nd

Mary was not a quitter. The other disciples ran away afraid, but Mary stayed with some other women at the foot of the cross until Jesus died. She would not leave her friend in the terrible last moments of his earthly life. Sunset was fast approaching, which meant that the Sabbath was about to begin. The rules of her religion said she had to be inside before dark, but she followed Jesus' body to the tomb. At the first light of dawn after the Sabbath, she rushed to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, because there had been no time when he was buried. Mary hurried back to the Apostles to tell them that she had seen the Risen Christ.



Extract Source: [saintsresource.com/mary-magdalene](http://saintsresource.com/mary-magdalene)

Today, in our world, we also are called to proclaim the truth of his resurrection, even when others do not believe, or give in to doubt. Mary Magdalene knew that Christ had died. Was she not one of the few beneath the cross at that terrible moment? Yet she was unwavering in her belief that he was risen.

Short piece/source Irish Messenger (2015)