



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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18th August 2019

Peace and Division

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
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Fr. David Kelly OSA
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"Do you think that I am come to bring peace on earth?" Quite honestly, we would hope so. We've come to equate Jesus with peace; is he not the Prince of Peace? The Communion Rite links him with peace; the discourse at the Last Supper is peppered with the word. Yet, when he answers his own question, he confuses us. "No. I tell you, but rather division."

We look at the life of Jesus for clues as to how "peace" and "division" can be reconciled. One approach is to find Jesus exercising options in his life; facing moments when he has a choice of two roads?" the easy pliant one of the prevailing culture or the lonely reforming one. His decisions cause divisions. Some of the division and turmoil is within himself (the garden scene.) some between himself and others?" his mother and relatives. Peter on the road to Jerusalem, the final divisiveness of the cross of scandal.



Each time Jesus decides to follow the Father's will, that has two effects. It divides him off from those who won't take the step with him, and it moves him deeper into the peace that comes from being true to who you are. The peace Jesus talks about has a shape to it. It is not the *wishy-washy, compromising, anything-for-a-quiet-life* kind of peace we often settle for. When he mentions "division" in the same breath, we begin to see division as almost the price of *authentic* peace. We could spend time noting the kind of decisions Jesus regularly made. He reached out; showed compassion; suffered along with people; understood their pain; broke bread with the hungry; befriended sinners; he was at ease with labourers and poor people who lived in the shadow of the powerful elite.

While we've read and heard these scenes a thousand times, we can lose sight of how *disruptive* and unconventional Jesus was. He talked of Samaritans saving Jewish lives! He praised the father who embraced the son who shamed him! You were to share your cloak and tunic, all you wore, literally! The soldier in the occupying army was to be accompanied not just the one mile but another mile, unbidden.

Jesus parted company with the authorities, not because *he* wished to but because *they* did. His warm, open-handed approach to others provoked in the authorities an angry, clenched-fisted reaction. To preserve the *status quo* they would have to be rid of this challenging presence. The crucifixion was meant to silence him for good. Instead, it gave him the last word. It not only capped his life of sacrifice but raised up an iconic sign to inspire us over the centuries. The sacrifice of Jesus shows the price to be paid if we are to reach the peace he calls us to.

Source: Homily Resources: www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie

FEASTS OF OUR PATRONS

St. Monica & St. Augustine

Wednesday, 28th August

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THIS CELEBRATION

Mass at 10.15 am

Refreshments Afterwards



Season of Creation

During the Season of Creation each year, Christians around the world unite to renew our love for each other and the home we share. This year's theme is the web of life. We are coming together to protect all species and the beauty of the Creator that each one reveals.



You are invited to a workshop at 7:30pm on Tuesday 27th of August in the Ballybrown/Clarina Community Resource Centre. Trócaire will share stories of their experiences at a global level. Sr. Betty Baker will share practical resources and ideas for liturgies and actions in your own parish during the Season of Creation. There is no charge for the workshop, however registration is essential for planning purpose. We are asking people to register by email to: reception@limerickdiocese.org or phone 061 350000.



NATIONAL
HERITAGE
WEEK 2017
17-25 Aug

Event Guides available in
the Tourist Office

Enjoy a day of fun for all the family
Milford Hospice Harvest Fair
SUNDAY 1ST SEPT.
UL Arena

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS
Pilgrimage
Sunday September 8th 2019
Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo

Cork Autism Conference

Cork Autism Conference 2019 - Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, Sunday September 22nd, Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork. The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/autismcork or call 089 239 8900

Maranatha Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat with Fr. John Walsh & lay speaker Ms. Heidi Gilroy, Kildare. It will be an afternoon of Praise & Worship with Confession, Mass and Adoration. this Sunday 18th August at St. Pauls Church Dooradoyle at 2.30pm. All are welcome!

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tuesday 27th August 2019 from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Bereavement Counsellors will be in attendance to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free