



**St. Augustine's Church
Limerick**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

1st September 2019

Fr. Benignus O'Rourke O.S.A.

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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The death occurred last Sunday 25th August of Fr. Benignus O'Rourke OSA a member of the Augustinian community at Clare Priory, Suffolk England. A native of Castleisland Co. Kerry he died peacefully four days after the celebration of his 90th birthday. Through his writings he has led many men and women, people of all faiths and none, on the way to silent prayer.

At the age of 16, he made a chance visit with a friend to Mount Melleray Abbey in Co. Waterford. In the short time there he got a glimpse of a life of prayer, silence and stillness. The quiet gentle chant that seemed to reflect the holiness of God, the bells sounding in the high tower, everything enclosed in a deep stillness. Later in trying to discern his vocation for a life of a contemplative his dream was quietly dismissed. Two years later he joined the Augustinian Order for a life based on prayer and active ministry in the world. Having never quite forgotten the life of Melleray that longing was to be fulfilled many years afterwards in a way he could never have predicted. He discovered the prayer of stillness and silence, and its place in Augustine's spirituality. It changed his life and his work.



For many years he has tried to share with others the gift of silence and stillness. In one of his best selling books „Finding your Hidden Treasure“ is written for the very many people, young and old, in or out of church, who may be struggling in their own attempts to come closer to God and are finding that familiar ways of prayer are not helping, not working.

Source: Excerpt -Intro to Finding your hidden Treasure.

“The journey inward which Augustine invites us to make is a kind of homecoming. For Augustine, the heart is not the place of emotions but the place of richest, deepest thought and peace. It is the centre of our being, where we're totally ourselves, our deepest selves. ... When we return to our hearts we find rest and peace within in that place of solitude where Christ awaits us to welcome us home”.



Fr. Benignus O'Rourke OSA -From Finding your hidden treasure , the way of silent prayer. (Darton Longman and Todd Ltd 2010)

R.I.P.

Season of Creation : Gospel Reflection

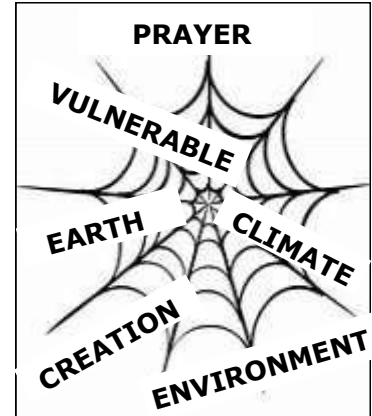
In today's Gospel Jesus uses the image of a Great Banquet to explain God's vision for our world. He speaks of a place where those who consider themselves entitled to the highest seats at the table take the low seats. He urges us to invite the poor, the lame and the blind to this celebration. Jesus encourages us to turn the world upside down, a reversal, an upheaval, where the preferred option is for the poor and those considered „least“ in society.

Today is also an important day in the Christian calendar as we begin the Season of Creation (from the 1st September until the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th). Pope Francis asks all Christians to embrace this season in prayer, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world, our common home.

The theme this year is "*The Web of Life*". The most vulnerable among us are suffering most deeply as this web of life begins to unravel. Our faith calls us to respond to this crisis with urgency. Let us hear the Gospel message today where we are called to consider those on the margins, this includes those most at risk from climate breakdown, and let us commit to working towards a world where all are seated at the banquet.

By Jane Mellett

Source: Resources www.catholicbishops.ie



Here Come the Girls

A Day of reflection on the women
in Luke's Gospel
through narrative and art at Glenstal Abbey

Glenstal Abbey , Saturday 7th Sept €70
Registration 9am / 9.30 start -5pm
Contact 061 621005/ events@glenstal.org

Catechism Study Group

The Dominican sisters will be leading a **Catechism Study group** meeting every Wednesday evening 7-8:30 in the parish hall of St Saviour's, Dominican Church, Limerick. All are welcome to attend an information meeting **Wednesday, 18 September at 7:00 pm** in the same location. For more information on the course visit www.catechism.ie or contact the sisters at 085 225 5796, limerick@op-tn.org.

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