



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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8th September 2019

Season of Creation : Gospel Reflection

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.

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Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar and that can often be painful.

During the month of September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of bio-diversity, largely caused by a consumerist culture. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. Insects, mammals, trees, plants and creatures are becoming extinct and may never be seen again. We pray that this ends and acknowledge that we are part of a complex, delicate and interdependent web of life, created by God. Today's Gospel invites us to let go. Let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try to live more simply, more sustainably and encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the earth.



Suggestion for the week: Can you remove single-use plastics from your life? Buy a reusable water bottle and reusable coffee cup. Say no to plastic straws and food wrapping.



"It is not enough to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. ... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right" (Laudato Si, 33).

„God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things. From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe... Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night" (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 85).

Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning

Are you willing to be part of Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning for Milford Hospice and make a difference? If so Milford would love to hear from you. On Thursday 19th September, companies, retail shops, clubs, schools and households in the community will be supporting Milford Hospice by hosting a Coffee Morning and raising vital funds for their local Hospice.

Every cup, every cake, and every donation helps Milford to make a difference in providing specialist, consultant-led palliative care to the people of the Mid-West region.



If you would like to become involved and help raise money for the Hospice simply join them for this popular event or support the coffee day in St. Augustine's church on Thursday 19th Sept. For further information, contact the Fundraising Department Milford Hospice on 061 201758



If you have never tried painting before, then there's only one way to start. Come along either Tuesday morning 10.30am -12.30 or Thursday evening 6.30pm-8.30 and pick up a brush. You might like watercolour or may prefer acrylic; you can try both at The People's Museum at 2 Pery Square. All we ask is that you make a small donation to the pot each week towards the upkeep of the building. If you have paints already please bring them along. Message or email us at artlimerick@gmail.com so that we know how many will attend. Starting 10th Sept. 2019

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.

Camino 2019

Last Thursday 5th Sept a group from this church left Limerick to begin the First Stage of the Camino Francais crossing the Pyrenees. The trip will take ten days and as well as walking this beautiful stage of the Camino de Santiago, they will also have the opportunity to visit two Spanish cities Pamplona and Bilbao.

We wish them well and ask that you keep them in your prayers.



Free Computer Classes

For over 55's

Sept 2019– June 2020
Dooradoyle Library
Tuesday 10.30-12.30
Contact- 091 527831



Lunchtime Concerts

Lunchtime concerts continue on Wednesday 11th September at St. Mary's Cathedral, with Eve Stafford and Peter Barley at 1.15pm. Admission is free and all are welcome

