



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 16th January 2022

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

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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St. Augustine: Quiet days of Listening

There are some days when I need to sit back and listen to life, to be with others quietly hearing them. Such days are those when I can't sort out myself too well, when I have few answers and am not too sure of the questions. Certainly it does no good at such times to go out to those I love with my confusions. It would serve no purpose except to mess up their lives.

Better by far to be quiet while I try to get my house in order. In the meantime I can still listen to others and enjoy them. I can listen as I wait for the dust to settle here inside me. As I rest within myself I wait for the whisper of God who dwells within. My state is neither apathy nor passivity. I still listen to others, visiting them in the places where they are. I am alert, listening for the voice of

God, encouraged by the words of Augustine:

'Late have I loved you, O beauty so ancient and so new! Late have I loved you! You were inside me all the time while I was searching for you outside. I threw myself into your creation but did not find you. Indeed those things held me back from finding you. You called out and burst through my deafness'.

Confessions, 10.27

It would be nice to find a good place for listening, perhaps by a placid sea. But at least I can try to stay quiet inside so that

I can hear the voice of God.

Donald Burt O.S.A.



Snowdrop

Fragile beauty tear shaped petals
Delicate hope germinating in frozen dark earth
Defying depression and desolation
Pushing through the cold dark places
of the heart,

Warming us with the promise of Spring
The courage to surface and stand
vulnerable and beautiful

Breaking through out of grief and despair
Coming home from pain to the half smile
on the face of my Winter God.

The human heart resilient, recovering, healing.
Redeemed by a snowdrop in the wilderness.

Fr. Liam Ryan O.S.A.



Pointers for prayer on today's Gospel

1. The marriage imagery puts all the emphasis on love, an emphasis found richly in this Gospel, in St Paul and, of course, in Jesus' own teaching. Go back to significant experiences of being loved and how these have opened your own heart to receive and to give in love.
2. The wine symbolises true joy in believing—a bit of a challenge these days, but central nevertheless and even life-giving. Where do you find your springs of joy?
3. "Do whatever he tells you" is a strong invitation to conformity to Christ on the path of discipleship. What have been the important points on that path? And where am I now?



Prayer

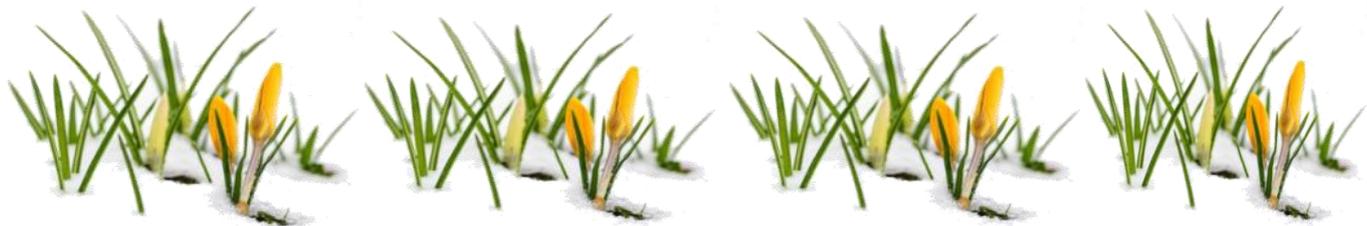
God of wonders, at Cana in Galilee, you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ and summoned all humanity to life in him. Show to your people gathered on this day your transforming power and give us a fore-taste of the wine you keep for the age to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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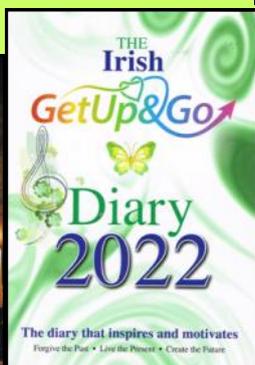
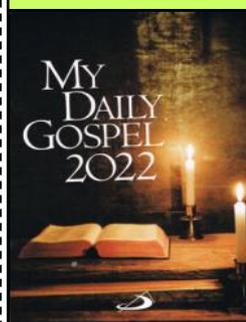


Feast of St. Agnes

Friday 21st Jan is the feast of St. Agnes. She was born in Rome, a beautiful young girl from a wealthy family who was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early fourth century. She is the patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.



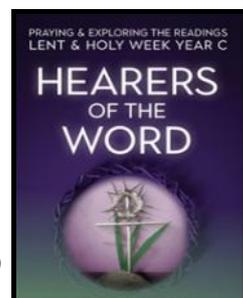
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