



Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7. 30am, 8. 30am,
10. 15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8. 30am, 10. 15am

SUNDAY

9. 00am, 11. 15am
& 7. 30pm

CONFES SIONS

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10. 45am-12 Noon
3. 00pm-4. 00pm

SATURDAY

10. 45am-12noon
2. 30pm-4pm



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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Harrowing Experience

John Chrysostom justified his nickname *Golden Mouth* when he said the Resurrection of Christ means forgiveness has risen from the grave. The gospel backs him up. But the gospel says things that test us too. Today Jesus declares once the hand is laid on the plough no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom. Ploughing was un unforgiving disciplines: get the first furrow crooked and your attempts at correction will be trying to rub out ink with a wet finger, making bad worse. **Looking back at your wobbly work ensures you'll mess up what's in front as well.**

Tidy U-turn was a manoeuvre unknown to the traditional farm implement. I was young when I learned that. In sole control of a pre-hydraulic, no-frills tractor and a disc-harrow that was heavy and irreversible, I was preparing a field for sowing and intent on straight

ploughing. Influenced by the Cisco Kid's—my preferred literature of the time - ability to shoot straight I took a distant tree as my target and the radiator cap on my long-nosed tractor for sighting-mechanism. Thus ready, I crouched low over the steering wheel in the firing position. With one eye closed in the approved marksman manner I would draw the straightest line ever seen on agricultural canvass. Better still, my field of operation could be seen from many points of the parish and so my perfect work would not go unremarked. I took aim and launched my missile, maximum speed three miles per hour. Three quarters way across the field it was steady as she goes. Then the voyage became choppy. Shaken, and shaking, I sat up and managed to stop. In my crouched pose I had overlooked the rows of potatoes that ran at right angles to my plotted course.

With no reversing or lifting facility there was nothing for it but plough ahead, extending the devastated area as I sought exit by a turning circle fit for the Queen Mary. It is said that when elephants fight the grass suffers; well, when doing an emergency turn with tractor and disc-harrow the spuds suffer. Badly. My father was impressed, deeply impressed, but not happy. He let me know that I was responsible for the imminent return of the famine of Black '47, most likely to be followed by a new edition of the Death, Black also, of half a millennium earlier. I suppose farmer Shaphat of today's first reading was similarly impressed when the young lad he sent out to plough in the morning burned the plough and ate the cows before the day was out.

Jesus himself wasn't in the best of moods in today's gospel. We're told, resolutely he took the road for Jerusalem - that was a road that took some resolution! No U turns and no reversing. No wonder he did a bit of rebuking on the way. No wonder he reminded us that if your start the plough you must follow it. No looking back, and no looking too far ahead either or you'll miss the most important bit, the next bit.



Fr. J. Lyng osa

'Family Love: a Vocation and a path to Holiness'

An Irish delegation travelled to Rome recently to attend the 10th World Meeting of Families which began last Wednesday 22 June, on the theme, 'Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness.' The delegation from Ireland included family members as well as the President of the Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, and the chair of the Council for Marriage & Family, Bishop Denis Nulty of Kildare & Leighlin.



At their Summer General Meeting last week, the Bishops of Ireland offered their prayerful good wishes to the Diocese of Rome as it prepared to host the gathering of families from across the world. Ireland hosted the 9th World Meeting of Families in August 2018 which was attended by Pope Francis, and tens of thousands of people from home and abroad.

Source: short excerpt www.catholicbishops.ie/ www.catholicnews.ie

Church needs to listen to all opinions

Sunday, June 5, 2022: Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy has emphasised the importance of the Church listening to those it "does not normally hear" as it makes its contribution to next year's Universal Synod in Rome.

In an open letter to the diocese on Pentecost Sunday, Bishop Leahy said that there is a need to listen to all voices, from those who often might feel unwelcomed to those from the "river of Tradition".

As part of its preparations for and contribution to next year's Synod, Limerick Diocese engaged in a fresh listening process - just five years after having its own diocesan Synod -and has captured that opinion in a '**Synod Synthesis Report**'. This has now been submitted to the Bishops' Conference and published on the diocesan website. (It is also available on the notice board at the back of this church.)

Source: brief excerpt from text press release /Synod Synthesis Report

Augustinian Spirituality Course for the Laity



Preparations are underway to organise an online course on Augustinian Spirituality for the laity.

The course will include sessions in Spanish (with a tentative start date 8th October) and in English (with a tentative start date of 15th October) to be held every other Saturday. To firm up dates and speakers, we would need to have an approximate idea of how many people would be interested in attending the course, and what would be the best time for the course's sessions. To that end, we would very much appreciate it if you could respond to a survey using the following link, before 2nd July 2022.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PS8NSZZ>

Participation in the course is free. To cover some of the costs involved, a voluntary contribution of €5 per person is suggested. Details of how to pay this contribution will follow in due course.

It would be great to see you at the course!



Mother of Good Counsel Prayer Meeting

Join us on Tuesday at Our Lady's Shrine after the 4.00pm Mass as we pray the Scriptures with Fr. David Kelly osa. This is a lovely gathering where we pray also for each others intentions.

Safeguarding Training

For all in ministry in St. Augustine's Church .
Tuesday 28th June
8.00pm in
St. Augustine's Church

All are required to attend!
Facilitator Tony Murphy



Pop Up Art Fair

Local Artists, Local Art
Sunday 26th June
11am –5.30pm
Castle Street
Beside
Katy Daly's Pub
& King John's Castle