



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 31st July 2022

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## 18th 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



### St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan osa  
Fr. John Lyng osa  
Ms Geraldine van Dam  
Mr. Robert Ryan  
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## Reek Sunday

The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on this the last Sunday in July on Ireland's holy mountain **Croagh Patrick** in the Archdiocese of Tuam This pilgrimage has been carried out for over 1500 years. Croagh Patrick has over 100,000 visitors annually with up to 20,000 making the pilgrimage on Reek Sunday weekend each year. Parishioners from all over Ireland are invited to participate in the pilgrimage.

In the Bible, mountains were places of a privileged encounter with a divine presence, places which hosted key moments in the story of God's love for his people. High points like Sinai, Carmel, Horeb, Tabor and Calvary carry spiritual resonances for us. The thousands who toil to the top of Croagh Patrick today have experienced these mountains in the joys and sorrows of their lives. The view from the top gathers the broken fragments of our lives into a bigger picture. On a clear day you can see forever, away beyond Clew Bay and its multitude of Western Islands. **The journey**

**upwards can become the journey inwards.** Hope is nurtured when you climb for a sick child or to say thanks for a mother's recovery from cancer. For some climbers it is just a challenge, an adventure or another hill walk. They too can find companionship in bare feet, aching limbs and Eucharist at the summit. The experience can continue when you close your fist around a pebble brought home from the sacred mountain. The climbing cudgel can support you on your personal Way of the Cross years later.



Today thousands of pilgrims will climb Croagh Patrick at a time of declining faith and practice. What is it about that holy mountain? It continues to attract all age groups out of their comfort zones to take on a demanding penitential exercise. On this "Reek" Sunday, we reflect on this movement against the tide.



## Reflection on Today's Gospel

The Romans had a proverb which said that money was like sea-water the more a man drank the thirstier he became. And so long as a man's attitude is that of the rich fool his desire will always be to get more—and that is the reverse of the Christian way.

There is no parable which is so full of the words, I, me, my and mine are. When this man had a superfluity of goods the one thing that never entered his head was to give any away. His whole attitude was the very reverse of Christianity. Instead of denying himself he aggressively affirmed himself; instead of finding his happiness in giving he tried to conserve it by keeping. He never saw beyond this world!

Source: brief excerpt from 'The daily study Bible by William Barclay

## Beatification of Pope John Paul I

The Holy See Press Office has announced plans for the beatification of Pope John Paul I, who was born as Albino Luciani in the northern Italian town of Forno di Canale (now Canale d'Agordo) on 17 October 1912. Pope Francis will preside over the beatification Mass in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday 4 September 2022.

Pope John Paul I's was the shortest papacy in modern history, reigning over the See of Peter for on 33 days He was first Pope to choose a double name, saying he did so in honour of his two predecessors: John XXIII and Paul VI. He was also the last in the long line of Italian-born Popes which began with Clement VII in 1523. His successors – John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis – have all praised the man known as "**The Smiling Pope**".

Source: Brief excerpt Vatican news article by Devin Watkins /[www.catholicnews.ie](http://www.catholicnews.ie)



## Pilgrims on the Journey

Reclaimed from a pagan god.  
Patrick wrestling with demons.  
Jim battling with the drink.  
Inflated price of a pilgrim staff.  
Shedding excess baggage.  
Letting go of guilt and recrimination.  
Bleeding feet and mountain rescue.  
By these wounds Margaret is healed.  
The presence of God in the cloud.  
Eucharist celebrated in the mist.  
Place of wider vision.  
Energy for other mountains.  
No longer an island.  
The expanse of Clew Bay.  
The infinity of God's love.

L. Ryan osa

Lord, remind us that we are a pilgrim people, searchers and seekers, companions on a journey, wounded healers and faith-friends, walking with Jesus to places made holy by his presence. Amen.

## Bank Holiday Monday

St. Augustine's Church

Mass Times:

10.15am & 4.00pm

No Confessions

## Family Day at Knock

Don't miss our 'Family Day' at Knock on Sunday 21st August. A day for children and families to join in a range of fun activities in the beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine. All events and activities are free of charge and take place on the grounds of Knock Shrine close to the award winning Knock Museum and café.

There will be outdoor activities taking place out on the green (weather permitting) and marquees with indoor workshops, games and more. Source: [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

