



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 28th August 2022

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### 22nd 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

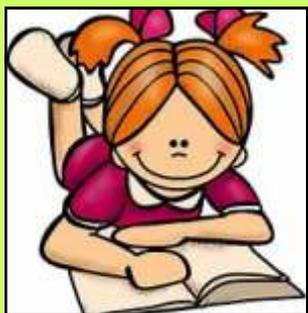
10.45am-12 Noon

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

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Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Ms Mary Deegan.



## Season of Creation

"Listen to the voice of creation". "I have heard their cry... I know their sufferings....come, now ! I will send you... I will be with you"(Ex 3:1-12)

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation". *"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you"* (Ex 3: 1-12). The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed **God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God** heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, to the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of the Earth. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

Next week we invite you to the '**Creation Walk Stations**' which will be displayed at the back of the church adapted from the booklet by Fr. Brian Grogan SJ, *Creation Walk: The Amazing Story of a Small Blue Planet*. These stations will **provide you with an opportunity to experience the wonder and awe of God's creation** and to become familiar with the story of our Universe.



# Reflection on Today's Gospel

Healthy Humility:

**Connecting to today's gospel, A good dose of humility is good for the soul. It is healthy to admit we are wounded.** This not be morbid, or make us despondent - just honest. Like Augustine, This honest humility is a gift whereby we are able to take Jesus seriously and not take themselves too seriously. If I have any sense at all, like Augustine, I should come to recognise all that I do not know and can never know. And knowing all this, I should be praying more and speaking less about my importance. Maybe a good dose of humility is easier to arrive at in my later years. By then I have established that I am not infallible. I can stop worrying about and gossiping about the troubles of others and quietly tend to my own. As I grow older it becomes increasingly difficult to be convinced of my perfection.

Augustine knew his past sins and was sorry for them but was not overcome by them. He knew not only that he was still in need of help but also that Jesus was willing to give the help. He knew that Jesus was not conquered by Augustine's sins. And yet he was cautious. He followed his own good advice given some years before: "One thing is certain. Whatever energy we bring to the battle with our own weakness and whatever victories we may have achieved in the battle to overcome and control our passion, the time can never come this side of the grave when there will be no need to plead: "Forgive us our debts." (City of God, bk.22, Ch.23) The Inn of the Samaritan: Donald Burt O.S.a



## Mother and Son

This weekend we celebrate the feasts of St. Monica and St. Augustine (mother and son) which are big days in the Augustinian calendar.

The names of Monica and her son Augustine are inseparable. Every mother who has worried or prayed over a wayward child can identify with St. Monica. As a young man, Augustine had drifted away from his faith into a series of love affairs, strange cults and wild excesses. He was always in trouble. His mother never gave up on him. Her persistent prayers and tears for her son's conversion were finally answered when Augustine, with his mother at his side went to hear St. Ambrose preaching in Milan and he opened his heart to a personal word from the Scriptures. Bishop Ambrose had already told St. Monica that it was not possible for the son of her tears to perish. Augustine declared that Monica endured as much pain in bringing him into the world. Before her death in 387, mother and son shared a mystical experience at a window in the port town of Ostia. Augustinians today trace their spiritual roots back to St. Monica and St. Augustine.



## Augustinian News

Today on this wonderful feast of our patron St. Augustine, we are happy to share the good news. Yesterday (Saturday 27th) in Galway our Provincial Fr. Tony Egan O.S.A. received Adeel Abid from Pakistan, and Fearghal Caden from Maynooth into our Augustinian Novitiate. In the afternoon Fr. Tony celebrated the Mass of First Profession of **Mark O'Brien (a Limerick man) also into the Augustinians.**

**This weekend St. Augustine's College, Abbeyside, Dungarvan Co. Waterford celebrates its Golden Jubilee of the opening and dedication of the college.**

Early September we will have the Augustinian General Mid Chapter in San Diego California which our Provincial will also attend. Our prayerful best wishes and congratulations to all concerned, and let us continue to pray '**Lord send labourers into your harvest**'.

As this is a special Sunday we invite you to join us this morning for refreshments after the 11.15am Mass.

