



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 10th August 2025 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

Monday-Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
3pm Mass of 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 - 4.00pm

All Masses are
'Live Streamed' at
St. Augustine's



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Fool's Gold and a Flash in the Pan

(Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34)

Hundreds of homes in the north-west of this country looked great a few years ago. They were new, shiny and the fulfilment of many a family dream. Then things went downhill. Householders were soon seen outside not admiring their "forever home" but measuring cracks in the walls, cracks that only widened as the weeks went by and threatened in many cases to bring the whole building down in rubble. The culprit was identified as a substance called Mica. This makes its way from quarry to cement block to wall of house and then sponges up moisture and rots. Mica's cousin Pyrite left a similar trail of destruction in the east of the country. Disputes about liability and responsibility for repair or re-dress feature talk of euros in the billions. Even two hundred years ago Mica and Pyrite together had a reputation for deception and were described as "**Fool's Gold.**"

The way to health or happiness or truth or life has been sought as the hidden treasure beyond all treasures since human history began. The hope of finding it and the hardship of the quest has driven people mad. The madness was betimes divine, but often diabolic. Think of the 'gold-rushes' of between one and two hundred years ago, when the promise of gold sent thousands rushing east to west across America, Australia and Canada. Any suffering would be endured in the cause of getting to California or Kalgoorlie or the Klondyke to stake a claim and scrabble in the dirt for riches there. The terrible hardships of the journey were ignored while the gold-fever ran high. It's recorded that some men sold their women and ate their mules so as to reach their goal. How did they fare? A few did well enough, but many of them were destroyed by disease or drink, disputes or disappointment. Others were maddened by repeated flashes in their sifting-pans. These learned in the most painful, if authentic, way that all that glistens is not gold. An ever-growing heap of dross and shale was their only 'pay-dirt' for their prolonged drudgery..

A gentler quest for the same seductive stuff runs through earlier centuries: alchemists never gave up their quest for the 'philosopher's stone' to turn base metals into gold. Maybe the never-ending stories of the pilgrim quest for the Holy Grail, however fanciful or at times distorting, is another manifestation of the human hunt for precious answers.

Jesus had another answer: Your treasure is with me, he says "Where your treasure is there your heart will be". Put the heart here, he says, and you'll be happy. No fools gold, no flash in the pan.

J.L.

Feast of the Assumption

Friday 15th August



Mass Times at St. Augustine's

7.30am, 8.30am,

10.15am, 1.00pm

& 4.00pm

Extra Mass 1.00pm

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock

Wednesday 13th - 21st August 2025

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place at Knock Shrine from the 13th August—21st Aug 2025.

Daily ceremonies take place in the Basilica at 3.00pm and 8.00pm over the course of the nine days with guest speakers present during each ceremony.

Source: More information at

www.knockshrine.ie/national-novena-2025

Thought for the Day

It is alarming to think that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." To find out where my treasure is I need to look not at what I think but at what I do. How do I choose to spend my time? Where does my best concentration go? What "things" in life provide me with the greatest challenge and the greatest fulfilment? When am I most truly myself?

Even more, to know myself spiritually, introspection is only a limited guide. What I really need to do is to take account of how I act. What about the last week, for example? What does that tell me about myself?

Prayer : Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know you, and desire nothing, save only you. Look upon me, that I may love you. Call me, that I may see you, and for ever enjoy you. Amen. *St Augustine*

Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday Readings

St. Augustine's Church

Last Sunday's Collections came to €985

We would like to thank you for your continued support and generosity to this church.

Upcoming Feast Days

Monday 11th:

St. Clare, founder and ruler of the Poor Clares.

Tuesday 12th : St. Jane Frances de Chantal religious.

Thursday 14th: St. Maximilian Kolbe priest and martyr.

Friday 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the Spirit of St. Clare

'Cling to his most Sweet Mother, who begot a Son whom the Heavens could not contain; and yet she carried Him in the little cloister of her holy womb, and held Him on her maidenly lap.'
(Third Letter of St. Clare)

Mary gentle mother, be my teacher-
for the quiet times of my life,
the silences when nothing great seem to happen.
Let me ripen in the gentle sun of God's love for me,
and bear fruit that brings joy and light to others. Amen

Source: Daily reflections to guide you through the week

The Knights of St. Columbanus Limerick - Annual Men's Retreat Saturday 20th September 2025

From 10am –5pm

The theme of the retreat is: "Jesus, I trust in you - The starting point for spiritual growth".

The retreat is been facilitated by Fr. Joseph Hayes, SJ,

The venue is the Diocesan Centre, Saint Munchins College, Corbally.

Lunch will be provided, and the donation for the day is €20. Contact Details on the Notice Board.