



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

24th August 2025

21st 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-4pm

All Masses are 'live
streamed' at
St. Augustine's



St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.
Fr. John Lyng O.S.A.
Ms Geraldine van Dam
Mr. Robert Ryan
Ms Charlotte Gleeson
Mr. John Doyle



Finishing Order

"Will there be only a few saved?.....There are those now first who will be last!" (Luke 13).

Even the curators of public toilets have to be prepared to answer questions about their stance on inclusion/exclusion which are issues prominent in public discourse today. Churches, schools, clubs, companies and governments are urged to be inclusive. At the same time resorts, clubs, houses for sale, schools, hotels and others advertise themselves as exclusive, taking that to be a virtue. It's often hard to know what's one and what the other.

You might say it was to answer or dissolve a presumption of exclusivity that Jesus said people from east and west and north and south would share the banquet with the great patriarchs—"and you yourselves turned outside". Jesus often said surprising things.

Flannery O'Connor, Catholic writer in the American South, dealt stylishly with our presumptions about who's high and who's low. In her story, *Revelation*, is found Mrs Turpin, a decent, restrained lady mindful of her superiority over the feckless and the reckless she saw all around her. She called them *"the white trash and the *** who don't want to pick cotton any more."*

It was an insult that shook Mrs Turpin her out of her satisfaction - a lunatic telling her to *"Go back to the hell where you came from, you old warthog"*.

Disturbed, Mrs Turpin began to see things:

*"A visionary light settled in her eyes. She saw the purple streak in the sky as a swinging bridge extending upward from the earth through a field of living fire. Upon it a vast horde of souls was rumbling toward heaven. There were whole companies of white trash, clean for the first time in their lives, and bands of ***** in white robes, and battalions of freaks and lunatics shouting and clapping and leaping like frogs. And bringing up the end of the procession was a tribe of people whom she recognised at once as those who, like herself and husband Claud, had always had a little of everything and the God-given wit to use it right. She leaned forward to observe them closer. They were marching behind the others with great dignity, accountable as they had always been for good order and common sense and respectable behaviour. They alone were on key. Yet she could see by their shocked and altered faces that even their virtues were being burned away."*

I suppose you could say these last were doing their purgatory while their inferiors seem to have overcome their inferiority.

When the last race is run the great Stewards' Enquiry in the sky may announce some surprising results; in racing terms, reversed placings. The occupants of the Winners Enclosure may shock many who had always thought they were well ahead and the rest nowhere. Even the bookies may pay out to some habitual losers. J.L.

Feast of St Augustine : Thursday, August 28.
Concelebrated Mass of the Feast at 10.15 a.m.

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza

Bishop Brendan Leahy has joined with Archbishop Eamon Martin calling on parishes to set aside Sunday, **24 August** as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza so let's join that 24 hours of prayer and reflection in our churches and homes. As Archbishop Eamon suggests, we can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people".

Let's also, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, commit to our own pilgrimage of hope for Gaza. Maybe revisiting a pilgrimage we've already done or embark on a new one and dedicate it to peace in Gaza.

Let's entrust all this to Our Lady, who knew how to speed up time at the Wedding Feast of Cana. In doing so, of course, we pray also for peace in the many, many regions of conflict in our world – Ukraine, Syria, Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Yemen...

Source: Brief excerpt from Bishop Brendan's Message on the Gaza Crisis. Read the complete message at www.limerickdiocese.org



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- Frassati Youth Club (13-17) and Confirmation Club (11-12) on alternate Sundays
- Young Adult Theology- first Wednesday per month
- Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John
- Men's and Women's Groups once monthly

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St. Augustine's Church

Last Sunday's Collections came to €1,145.00

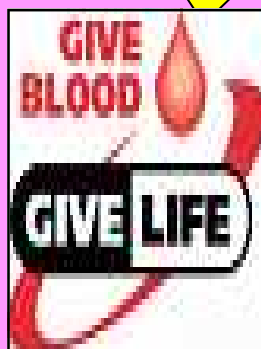
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