

Happy Father's Day

# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 21st June 2026

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## Flight Risk

### Mass Times

#### Monday-Friday

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

#### SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

Mass for the Sick

3.00pm

#### 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

*Not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father knowing. (Matt. 10:29).*  
Others have versions of this story. What really happened is known to God and myself. I was there.

A priest colleague of mine was pleased to be transferred out of a testing place. His new parish was very satisfactory, far more comfortable than the old. It was in a city. It had electricity, even if the supply was commonly disparaged as "epileptic". It had an office with a ceiling-fan to agitate hot air into mini-hurricane or gentle breeze depending on the current—so to speak - health of power supply. Another pleasing feature was a fine birdcage wherein two canaries sang for their seed with every appearance of contentment. Our man found it all conducive to thinking and in time he came around to thinking it a pity to confine the birds in a cage, however gilded. Knowing that mosquito proofing on door and window would prevent the birds from straying out into hostile territory he opened the cage so they could test the acoustic from other corners of the room. The first, perhaps light-headed in the new freedom, flew straight into the fan on one of its more energetic

rotations and a mini-shower of canary-coloured down tried to settle on parish the marriage register, open at May '76, but blew away in the wind.

Canary No. 1 had fallen, silent, to the floor and like Stonewall Jackson's BJ the DJ, "Would spin the hits no more."

Immediately, the second bird fled the dangerous world back into the cage and settled on its perch, shocked and seeming sad.



Two days later, on some undercooked theory of lightening not striking the same place twice, the still-silent survivor was enticed out of its refuge again in the hope alleviating its trauma and recovering its voice. Alas, after a couple of near-misses there was another mid-air collision. Both bird and theory fell as one, and the fan whirred on.

You'd think the priest would, as we say, "have a look at himself." But No! His sole conclusion was that canaries don't learn from their mistakes. The canary community would no doubt consider the man a bird-brain.

Today's gospel suggests that after we're let out of the cage we choose our own flight path. This is not dictated but is observed by the great Radar Operator in the Sky: *every hair on your head has been counted*. (For many of us there must be a hair-count done every day to cater for hair that's hair today and gone tomorrow). But, crucially, the All-Seer in the Sky is benevolent: *There is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.*

J.L.

WELCOME!



TO OUR CHURCH

### 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. Tom Walsh



## Thought for the day

Our times have an air of instability and everyone feels the sense of upheaval and unpredictability. Fear is perfectly understandable. Something similar may be said of our lives as believers. From a "church" point of view, we wonder who will be in church in the coming years and who will preside at the Lord's Supper. From a personal point of view, familiar faith affirmations seem no longer as tenable as they were. And yet, at the centre of the faith project stands not my condition or even my faith, but all that God did for us Jesus' death and resurrection. As Paul exclaims who will (or can) separate us from the love of God in Christ?

**Prayer** I love you, Lord, my rock, my fortress, my refuge. Help me to take hold of the hand you stretch out in Jesus.

Source: [www.tarsus.ie/Sunday\\_readings](http://www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings)

## Synodal Pathway -

### What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?

We've reached another important moment on the Irish Synodal Pathway. Following on from our original question "**What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?**" seven priority areas were discerned by the People of God across Ireland. These points to where we are being called to focus:

- Belonging
- Co-responsibility and lay ministry
- Faith formation and catechesis
- Family
- Healing
- Women
- Young people

Seven working groups, one for each priority, are now in place. Each group brings together women and men from across Ireland, who have been part of the synodal journey over the past five years!

The groups have already begun their work. They are meeting, praying, listening, and engaging with those who also bring lived experience and particular expertise to the table. Together they are discerning concrete and practical proposals for mission in each of these areas here in Ireland. All of this is leading us towards our first national assembly on Sat 17th October in City North Hotel in Co. Meath. This gathering will be a significant moment bringing our shared work together as we continue walking the synodal pathway together as a church. There, delegates will consider these proposals carefully and offer their recommendations. We invite you to please keep each members of these working groups in your prayers as they carry forward this important work on our behalf.

More information available source [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)



**Munster High School Choirs USA**  
with the participation of Munster String Quartet  
Sunday 21st June 7.30pm  
St. Joseph's Church Limerick

Free Entrance



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you are worth more  
than many sparrows'



Friday 10th July 2026
to
Sunday 12th July 2026