



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th June 2026

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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



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



Family Matters

*Anyone who prefers father, mother,
son or daughter to me is not worthy of me - Matt 10:37)*

The fox must be chased away first; after that the hen might be warned against wandering into the bush. (Achebe: No Longer at Ease).

This was the response of the village elders to the latest news of their brightest son. They had spent a large proportion of village resources on his education. Now he had a good job but succumbed to pressure of family demands for help. To provide that help he broke the law. Worst of all, he'd been caught. The civil authorities wanted to arrest him. He had of course let his people down and they were disappointed with him. Still, he must be protected from the outsiders first and maybe later reprimanded by themselves for his foolishness or misdeeds. No matter how foolish our hen, we'd never take the side of the fox against her. Family is many things to people. It is life, comfort, protection, and refuge - in Frost's words "the place where when you have to go there they have to take you in."

But family can be something else too. The so-called black sheep takes on a different hue when it's our own black sheep. "No matter whose ox is gored" may be a noble banner for truth and impartial justice but it doesn't seem so incontrovertible when the ox in danger is my own. In this matter the association called the Mafia sets a strong headline. It's not for nothing that in one of its stronger manifestations it styled itself *La Famiglia*, the family. The paramount value there is mutual support and cohesion. As against *La Famiglia* outsiders have no rights and can expect no concessions. General or universal rules about rights and justice make no impression when the welfare of the Family, even in small matters, is at stake. No outside claimant can expect any help from a family member when another family member is the respondent. Omerta is a law, not of God, King or Parliament but, in a certain milieu, maybe of life and death. And indeed news media headlines and court reports in our own country suggest that family ties play no small part in that flourishing branch of our economy called organised crime.

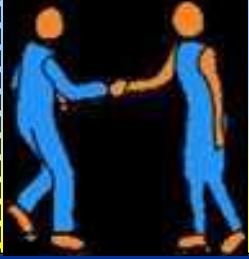


Prey Judging Predator

Swimming against such a criminal tide, trickle or flood, would be one version of taking the cross that Jesus advocates in today's gospel. And the reward? He assures us it's there and it's great. But there's a wait involved, maybe an uncomfortable wait. In the meantime virtue has to be, as the old Romans say, its own reward. That's a quiet conscience and the ability to sleep when you lay your head on the pillow at night—if you still have a pillow and a head. Some faithful ones, like John the Baptist – feast day today, Wednesday— ended up with neither. **J.L.**

Thought for the Day

We do have the saying, "goodness is its own reward" and that, no doubt, is true. We don't do good to be rewarded but simply because it is good. At the same time, goodness leads to goodness and kindness inspires kindness. This can be true at the most mundane level: if I am courteous and obliging, say, as a driver, perhaps others on the road will be inspired to be obliging and courteous in their turn. It is even more true at a higher level. Generosity of spirit inspires the same in others.



Prayer: Help us, Lord, to be kind and generous in our dealings with others today following the example of Jesus. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings

St. Peter's Pence Collection

Let's help the Pope in His mission.

This Sunday June 28– the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place.

This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal church.

As every year, every offering –large of small– will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

I sought to hear the voice of God
And climbed the topmost steeple.
But God declared;
'Go down again—
I dwell among the people.'

John Henry Newman

When you see God in everyone ,
Everyone will see God in you.

Anonymous

And be ye kind one to another
Tenderhearted, forgiving one another
Even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you .
Eph 4:32



EVERYDAY



Kindness and generosity raises the need to connect with the people around you, it is more than just a one-day event. The daily greeting, the smile the basic courtesies of each day mean a lot. Even though they are not always returned, keep making those first moves. Ireland becomes a warmer friendlier place and some will be drawn out of their isolation loneliness into the community. Our

religion is one of relationships with God and others.

Prayer for Generosity

Lord teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight, and not to heed
the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not
to look for any reward,
Save that of knowing
that I do your holy will.

Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2026

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect
and protection of human life
in all its stages, recognising it
as a gift from God.

A poster for the Diocese of Limerick Pilgrimage to Knock. It features the Diocese of Limerick logo at the top left, the text "Diocese of Limerick Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 11th July 2026", and a circular image showing a church building and a field of flowers. At the bottom, it says "Buses will run at Pastoral Unit level".

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