



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 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 at St.
Augustine's are
'live streamed'

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



Waiting for Monkeys

"....produces a harvest now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty. (Mt 13:23).

Monkeys, referred to as *apes*, are mentioned only twice in the Bible. In both instances they are listed as cargo brought back by the ships of King Solomon and his ally Hiram. These were the *ships of Tarshish*, large, ocean-going merchant vessels capable of long-haul voyages. The trophies they won, by what we might suspect were questionable means, were brought back to enhance the grandeur of the royal court. Those cargos included monkeys along with *gold, silver, ivory, and peacocks*. It's clear that monkeys were not native to the biblical lands - otherwise, I have no doubt, they would be prominent among the hazards to successful grain-growing listed by Jesus in his parable of the Sower.

Why say that? A man who promised to do a job for us didn't turn up at all. Later he said "I couldn't come, I was waiting for monkeys." That was all. It took a while for this to make sense but it did so. We were in a place where people planted their staple foods—corn, rice, ground-nuts etc—from upturned bottle-like gourds. At measured intervals the fingers of one hand released a few precious seeds from the neck of the gourd and a short-handled hoe held in



the other hand covered them lightly with soil. The farmer and his wives and children then prayed for rain and waited for the weeding and then the harvest. But in many places monkeys watching from trees or behind rocks or on a nearby hillside, were having a quiet laugh at the simplicity of their human cousins - and said "our harvest is already here." They then devoted the late evening and early morning to digging up the newly sown seed for their own domestic consumption. One of the many things we share with monkeys is a liking for the same foods. So, "waiting for monkeys" was no frivolous occupation: it was guarding next season's food for the family, and doing a bit towards holding off the hunger that was never unthinkably far away. Men kept watch for hours and days, armed with arrows, spears, slings and stones and an auxiliary arsenal of strong curses over the newly-planted crop. Vigil continued until the seed germinated to the point of no longer being satisfying to the discerning primate's palate. Yes, if there were monkeys in Palestine in the time of Jesus they would be there in today's gospel. In the list, or at the head of the list, before rocks, thorns, hard-trodden paths and thieving birds aiming to give the poor Sower a yield of zero-fold. J.L.

Pointers for Prayer

1. Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?

2. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another—the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?

3. "We are wasting our time here" may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

PRAYER: God of the heavens, God of the earth, all creation awaits your gift of new life. Prepare our hearts to receive the word of your Son, that his gospel may grow within us and yield a harvest that is a hundredfold. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday Readings



Speak Lord, your Servant is Listening

For the word of God to become a living word, we need to listen beyond the words to the one speaking to us through Scripture. It is our faith that God speaks to us as we listen to "the very voice of the pilgrim people God." This does not happen of its own accord; it calls for a listening ear and an open heart.

Prayer: Merciful God, anoint me with your Holy Spirit. As I read your Word, let me hear your voice speaking to me from within. Give me the wisdom to understand your message to me. Let your Word be the joy of my heart and the light to my feet. Give me strength to build my life on your Word. Let it be done to me according to your Word. May I rejoice in the blessedness of hearing your Word and keeping it. Speak Lord; your servant is listening.

Source: www.tarsus.ie Apr 2021

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SUNDAY, JULY 12TH 2026 AT 8PM

EVENING PROGRAMME

- If you bring an instrument, please bring it with you.
- If you have a Bible, bring it with you.
- PRAYERS
- WORSHIP
- TEACHING
- SINGING
- INTERCESSION

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Lunchtime Concert
St. Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday 14th July at 1.15pm

Emma English (soprano)
& Sarah-Ellen Murphy (alto)

Admission Free (with retiring Collection)