



Season of Creation

St. Augustine's Church Limerick

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September 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 Church

The Falls of the Year

Your lie recoils on your own head." (Daniel 13:59)

"He digs a pitfall, digs it deep; and in the trap he has made he will fall." (Psalm 7).

"For 'tis the sport to have the engineer / Hoist with his own petar." (Shakespeare-Hamlet).

"He got his comeuppance; he had it coming to him." (The Dog in the Street.).

Yes, the trapper falling into his own trap has been a theme of enduring interest. Germans, I'm told, have a long word for the feeling of pleasure, joy, or satisfaction that you get when something bad happens to someone else. I'll steer away from that word here lest I end up on the receiving end.

When something gets stuck in the spokes of the getaway bicycle and the fellow who has just snatched your handbag is propelled over the handlebars into the muck your heart lifts a bit. That's human nature. The pompous getting his come-uppance used to be the staple of popular comedy. (Aside: That has in recent years been replaced by an artiste on stage roaring out common obscenities to applause from the paying and drinking, if not necessarily thinking, patrons). You know the traditional style: The pompous lord and master lecturing his underlings and striding away with great dignity only to tread on a garden rake whose handle promptly smites him on the nose. Or the old headmaster making a great speech on dignified and decent dress while unwittingly displaying the split in his own trousers. Or the moralizing preacher caught with this trousers down, metaphorically or otherwise.

If laughter is the best medicine, the banana has probably contributed more to human health through its skin than its potassium. In the comic world, you can't beat a good fall, someone else's good fall, for a laugh. As long as no one is seriously hurt, conscience compels me to add. "Downfalls" are the source of most news reporting whether by typewriter, TV or the grossly anti-social institution called social media. Nothing attracts readers, viewers or listeners like a scandal involving a "celebrity", anybody of prominence. In any case the fall of others is a matter of enduring interest to us, whether to feed our appetite for laughter or indignation.

I see in today's gospel that Jesus may have shared some of this interest, not surprising if he was like us in most things. The story he made up gives us opportunity for a good laugh and a good indignant rant. A blackguard puffed up with his own importance was forgiven a mountain of debt but then refused to forgive a poor fellow who owed him a few pence. Strangled him and put him in jail. No wonder we laugh when he trod on as big a banana skin as ever grew in the Garden of Eden.

Of course the laughter may peter out quickly enough if we realise we're laughing at ourselves. "And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart." J.L.



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Creator God, in this month of creation time, teach us to see your footprints in the beauty of creation. Help us to listen to the voice of creation, inspire us to respect the rights of all people, and all living species to share in your gifts today and to be always mindful of those who come after us.

Lord, we pray that we may gain a deeper appreciation of the beauty and diversity of all that you have created. As we journey help us to listen to the voice of creation, to acknowledge how deeply interconnected we are with each other and with the natural world.

Lord, on this Sunday – day of rest and recreation - we give thanks for the faith we celebrate in your Son, the Risen Jesus Christ, who has inspired us to gather in thanksgiving and praise.

Source: Liturgy resources for season of creation 2023/www.catholicbishops.ie

IS GOD CALLING YOU? Considering Becoming Catholic?

You are warmly invited to come and explore the Catholic faith.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic — a time to ask questions, discover the faith, pray, learn and grow in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming Catholic for some time. Maybe you have questions about the Church or simply feel drawn to discover more. Whatever your reason, you are very welcome. Your Journey Could Begin This Year

Those who wish to continue their journey will prepare to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil 2027.

For more information, please speak to your local priest or contact: Limerick Diocesan Centre 061 350000

Email: office@limerickdiocese.org Take the first step. Come and see. You are very welcome to enquire.

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EVENING PROGRAMME		
PRAY If you play an instrument, please bring it with you.	WORSHIP If you have a Bible, bring it with you.	TEACHING DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY a cuppa!

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We look forward to welcoming you.
Email: voicesoflimerick@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Church Concert

Wednesday 16th September –

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at St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue Limerick
at 7.00pm €10 / Concession €5