

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

18th
October
2026

Mass Times

Monday -Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
3.00pm

Mass for 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 Limerick Child Safeguarding Representatives.

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Fr. John Lyng OSA
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God and Caesar, Life Story

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God (Matt 22:21)

I don't know about you but I get a little kick out of reading that such and such a condemned prisoner *cheated the hangman*. At the western films of our youth the biggest cheer greeted such unexpected happenings. Maybe the trapdoor didn't open, or the rope broke, or the passing cowboy took dead aim and put the apparatus of death *out of service* before a galloping horse put the reprieved man out of reach.

*It is the Lord who gives life and death
He brings men to the grave and back.*

is only one of many ways the Bible has of asserting that God and only God has lordship over human life. But in every time and place there have been Caesars big and small ready to trespass on God's territory and act as lords of life and death. Without adverting to current controversies at all it is easy to find evidence that modern, purportedly humane, and law-sanctioned methods of official killing may be even more prone to malfunction than the old rope-and-trapdoor trick.

The hypodermic syringe, great tool of curative and preventative medicine in our own day, hasn't always worked so well when used to kill. President Obama referred to "*some recent rather gruesome and clumsy executions*." He was also disturbed because *We know that there are people on death row who have been freed because later on it's been proven that they were innocent*. And the evidence of innocence of others was accepted too late. Many do not share any such qualms about the using the law to end a life. Nor do they dwell overmuch on the fact that a mistake in this matter is a mistake forever. In a prison we once had some slight acquaintance with, the prison governor appealed to a visiting military ruler for resources to alleviate the overcrowding that was adding an extra layer to the hell he governed. The solution was immediate and final *empty the condemned cells in the manner prescribed by law*. It was done. The firing-squad was the prescribed answer to overcrowding there.

A man who cheated the hangman but didn't get time to enjoy his victory was Gary Alvord of Florida. His appeals dragged on and on and before his case was finalised he died of a brain tumour thirty-nine years after being condemned to the electric chair. Poor Gary was severely mentally ill and it was not permitted to execute somebody too ill to understand what was being done to him. So, In the mid-1980s, he was sent to a state psychiatric hospital to receive treatment to make him *sane enough to kill*. However, medical professionals wouldn't treat a patient solely to enable someone else to kill him. Pharmaceutical companies refuse to sell prison systems their drugs to be used in executions, partly to comply with a European Union ban. Prisons have had to seek out smaller, less-regulated drug companies willing to brew copies of those drugs. Therein lie more dangers.

This very month Pope Leo XIV indicated strong opposition to state-sanctioned execution, declaring it morally "inadmissible" because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person. Earlier, he said that justice can be served by the "possibility of redemption" while safeguarding "the common good." Redemption! Now that's a thing we should be interested in. Caesar can be hotheaded and arrogant but the God of the Gospel is a God of Second Chances. JL

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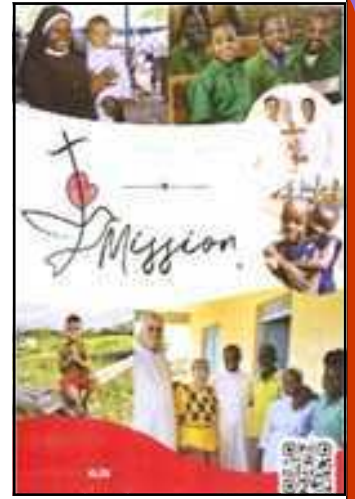
Theme: One in Christ, united in Mission

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual worldwide celebration of prayer, solidarity and support for the Church's missionary life. It invites Catholics everywhere to participate in the Church's global mission, through prayer and financial support for mission dioceses most in need. The day reminds Catholics that the Church is missionary by nature. Mission is not limited to priests, religious, sisters, or missionaries serving abroad. Every baptised person shares responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel and supporting the growth of the Church throughout the world.

The theme for World Mission Sunday is chosen by the Holy Father. This year, 2026 we are celebrating the centenary of this special day of prayer, solidarity and missionary awareness. Pope Leo XVI is the first pontiff in modern history to have served most of his priestly ministry as a missionary before becoming a successor to St. Peter.

Source: resources missio Ireland

If you would like to support Mission Sunday you can leave a donation in any of the mission boxes at the glass doors as you leave the church. Thank You.



Reception of Holy Communion

In view of the various infections now circulating in the community and the hospitals, and out of care for the most vulnerable members of our congregation, the Augustinians wish to make known our preference for administering holy communion on the hand.

St. Michael's Church, Denmark St. Limerick

Sunday Mass Schedule Notice

Update to Sunday Mass Times:

Morning Mass: 9.00am

Afternoon Mass: at 4.30pm Cancelled.

No 4.30pm Mass

SPANISH MASS
October, the month of the Rosary

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER
at 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Ave.
V94 NQ29
(Bus stop: Griffiths College)

If you would like to include a special intention in the Mass (death anniversary, someone who is ill, family intentions, prayer for a need, etc.) please send us a direct message with:

- The intention you would like to request
- The full name of the person
- And a donation of €10, which can be arranged with Miriam on 089 965 5873.

After the Mass, we will share some coffee, and if anyone would like to bring something to share, you are more than welcome!

Organized by:
Hispanic Community of Limerick

☎ Laura 083 337 0794
☎ Miriam 089 965 5873

We look forward to seeing you!

Presentation Congregation

Ever wondered if Religious Life could be for you?

We invite you to join us for a day to listen, to explore, to reflect (for women aged: 20-45yrs)

Venue: Mount St. Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre
Killenard, Portarlington, Co. Laois R32 WN59
Date: Saturday, 28th November 2026 10.30am –4.00pm
Cost: Free —Light lunch provided.
RSVP: Please register before 18th November 2026
Tel: 057 8626153

21 October, 6:30-7:30pm--Vocations Holy Hour:

We need more adorers to pray for vocations! Please join us each month for the Vocations Holy Hour at St. John's Cathedral, Limerick. The hour includes moments of silence, prayerful song, and a short testimony (from a priest, religious, or married couple), as well as communal prayers for vocations (intercessions, litany, etc.) Please join us: Jesus said, "Ask"!

St. Martin's Triduum 30th Oct -1st November

St. Martin's Triduum will take place in St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick, from Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November. Fr. Maurice Colgan O.P. will be the preacher for the weekend. There will be a Healing Service with Anointing of the Sick after 1pm Mass on Saturday 31st, with Adoration and Benediction at 3.30pm. Sunday—All Saints Day children are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint with refreshments after Mass. All are welcome.