

# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th August 2016

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### *Synod Journey: 'Building the Scaffold'*

#### Mass Times

Monday –Friday  
7.30 am, 8.30am,  
10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday  
8.30am, 10.15am  
3.00pm  
(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday  
9.00am, 11.15am,  
Evening Mass  
7.30pm

#### Confession

Monday, Wednesday  
& Friday

10.45 am – 12.00  
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Saturday  
10.45 am – 12.00  
2.30pm – 4.00pm

#### Irish Wheelchair Association

Will hold their  
annual church gate  
collection this  
weekend at all  
Masses.

Your support would  
be gratefully  
appreciated.

## Taize

Beginning here in St.  
Augustine's in  
September

Join the peace, quiet,  
prayer and chants of this  
Taize evening.



In many ways the proposals are like 'building blocks' which enable us to construct a Plan for the future. However before the blocks can be placed we need a scaffold which will allow us to create a plan. Essentially this is a framework which contains timelines and offers a menu of options for Parishes, Pastoral Areas, Community Groups/Agencies and the Diocese to implement the decisions of the Synod. The plan will build on the Vision for each theme as outlined in the Delegates Workbook, articulating the Goals and most importantly naming the actions which are required to fulfil the Vision and achieve the desired outcome.

Using the 'scaffold we can then construct the plan from the building blocks which are the proposals. In the autumn, meetings will take place with diocesan staff {who will have responsibility for implementing much of the plan} and others who have been engaged with the Synod process to populate this framework with the relevant proposals—those that have emerged from Stage 1).

This needs to be both strategic and operational. Once more Jessie Rogers will assist us by developing a discernment process to enable this to happen in a way that is congruent with the Synod process to date. We will also establish a Synod Implementation Commission—to replace the Preparatory Commission.

We will thus prepare a draft Pastoral Plan on the basis of Steps One through Three. We will also prepare a set of Diocesan Statutes and finalise a report for Rome.

On October 15th we will gather delegates to present these drafts and the rationale behind them and take on board any further amendments and recommendations. Delegates will also assess how the Pastoral Plan can be delivered at local level.

Excerpt taken from 'Synod Update'

Please note graphs showing the ranking of proposals are now available on the Synod website [www.synod2016.com](http://www.synod2016.com). and also this newsletter 'Synod Update' is available at [www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)



Martin Kennedy 1 of the Facilitators at the Synod

# Thought for Today

The famous reflection of Teilhard de Chardin suggests itself: The day will come when, after harnessing the ether, the winds, the tides, gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And, on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire. The uncertainties of today are evident, political, economic and environmental. What can we as people of faith contribute? Again in the words of Teilhard, "there is something wonderful afoot in the universe." The eyes of faith see the deeper pattern.

### Prayer :

God of the cosmos, you hold everything in being. God of love, you love the human race. God of our hearts, helps us to see your handiwork not only in the universe, but in the everyday events of our lives. Amen. [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)

### MARANATHA

#### Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat with Mr Sebastian Sales (Lay Missionary)

Sehion U.K. &

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald Ennis

Mass confession, and

Worship

Sunday 21st August

at 2.30pm

in St. Paul's Church  
Dooradoyle

## Ecuador Earthquake Appeal Thank You

The final count on our Ecuador Earthquake appeal was €4,200 a sincere thanks to all for your support.



**Ministers this Sunday 9.00am :**  
Ms Marguerite Coady,  
Mr. Dale Harrow .  
Eucharistic Minister  
Mr. Seamus Maloney.

### Mass at 11.15am

Ms Barbara Dillon,

Mr. Frank Purcell

### Psalm

Mr. Milo Hurley

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ms Judith Poiget,

Mr. G Williams

Ms Anne Williams.

### Mass at 7.30pm

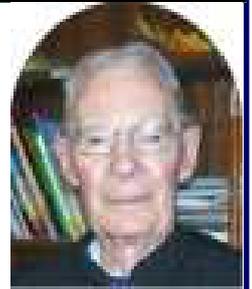
#### Readers

Louise Hennessy

Luke Mc Mahon

## Fr. Leo O'Sullivan R.I.P.

Sadly last Monday evening we heard of the death of Fr. Leo O'Sullivan O.S.A. who died peacefully in the Augustinian Community in Co. Dublin. Many of you will remember Fr. Leo as he was with us here in Limerick from 2006-2013. He was well known for his regular walks and warm exchanges with the 'locals' on the street. A Corkman, who had been retired from public ministry for some time but served with the Augustinians in many roles and locations i.e. Australia, California , Fethard, Limerick , Galway and John's Lane before being appointed parish priest of Ballyboden where sadly he ended his days. Truly a gentle, and humble man may he now R.I.P.



## Feast of the Assumption Monday August 15th

Mary's assumption is said to have been a divine gift to her as the 'Mother of God'. Just as Mary completed her life as a shining example to the human race, the perspective of the gift of assumption is offered to the whole human race. Mary is offered to us as a model of deep faith, and as disciples of her son Jesus, we are called to learn from her example so that our lives too can be offered to God in gratitude just as Mary did, for Him to do great things in the world through us.

No doubt it is a big challenge but our complete surrender to God's will, like Mary, will pave the way for God's goodness in the world. Are you willing to be a sacred vessel' that carries Jesus within and reflects him to the world? (God's Word 2014 Daily reflections)

As it is a Holy Day Masses here will be at 7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am, 1.00pm and 4.00pm. Please note there is an **extra Mass at 1.00pm.**

## What's on in Limerick

- Bedford Row will be brightened up each Sunday this August by the addition of a colourful outdoor art exhibition. Running from 12pm - 4pm until Sunday 21st August, the exhibition will feature ten artists each week with beautiful original art for sale.
- Milford Hospice Harvest Fair this Sunday at University of Limk from 11am.
- Record and CD Fair at Limerick Milk Market this Sunday from 10am-4pm.
- Summer Irish Nights Tuesday 16th August at 9pm. Come and enjoy these Irish nights every Tuesday in August at the Deebert House Hotel Kilmallock with special guests nightly. Admission €5 with finger food.
- Limerick Street Food every Wednesday on Harvey Quay Boardwalk from 11am -4pm. Come and sample the best of local street food vendors!