

Catholic Schools Week



29th Jan—3rd Feb



### 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

### Taize

Resumes Thursday  
2nd February



# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd January 2017

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## Catholic Schools Week 2017

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Catholic Schools: 'Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home'. It is hoped that this theme will help schools to gain an understanding of the Pope's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. This is Pope Francis' second encyclical. Its title means 'Praise be to you' and it has the subtitle *On Care for Our Common Home*.

The encyclical letter, published on 24th May 2015, discusses the harm humankind **has caused on earth and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make necessary changes in our lives to protect our planet.**

*Laudato Si'* deals with many environmental issues including pollution, climate change, drought, loss of biodiversity and the decline in the quality of human life. Pope Francis is asking us to work together to create a better world for future generations and to take care of, respect and value our common home.

**Pope Francis addresses his letter to 'every person living on this planet' in order to start an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.** Pope Francis calls on the Church and humankind to acknowledge the current environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future.

As Catholic schools, we can play an essential role in shaping the future of our planet by working together to care for our common home. Our world is a gift from God and we are called to act as both stewards and protectors during our time here. It is our responsibility to care for our world and make it a better place for the next generation. Through the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us of the necessity and importance of caring for our common home.

Wednesday 1st February we celebrate Grandparents Day. On that day we are asked to think about how our grandparents have watched over our common home, just as they watch over us. Our grandparents can play a special role in our lives. They can be very important teachers who show us how to love, how to be caring and how to share. They can teach us about the past and about the importance of our common home and how to cherish it. They can teach us about the beauty of God's creation and help us to learn to care for it as we grow.

Resources for Catholic Schools Week 2017/



# Camino



Limerick Group  
Details of Trip  
125k average of 20/21k  
each day.

Cost: €926 pp  
Single supp €182 extra  
Leaving from Dublin  
Airport on 5th Sept  
Returning 14th/  
9 Nights



If your interested  
Contact Geraldine  
089 2410066



## Milford Hospice

10k Run/Jog/Walk



Sunday Jan 29th  
UL Campus  
12 noon

# Thought for the Day

The heart of Jesus' proclamation is given in today's Gospel. As is often noted, the word "repent" is not the best translation of the original Greek and it would be better to use some other expression such as "convert." It really means a new way of looking at everything, a new mind or outlook. It may of course include being sorry about the past, but the real energy is towards the future: "convert and put your trust in the Good News." We could put it like this: from what are we called to conversion is important; more important is towards what are we being called?

## Prayer

Open our hearts, loving Father, that we may know both healing and hope. Touch our inmost selves and bring us the wholeness we need. Plant in our hearts the vision of your reign that we be people of hope, faith and love. Tarsus.ie

# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From last week's bulletin you would have read that Christian Unity Week began on Wednesday 18th January. We here in St. Augustine's are holding a service at the back of the church on the final night 25th Jan and we would like to invite all of you who come to St. Augustine's and also other Christian Churches in our city. There will be readings, music, prayers, and intercessions and a cup of tea to follow. It will begin Wednesday at 7.30pm and we would love to have you join us!



Also as part of this Unity Week, St Michael's Church of Ireland, Perry's Square, Limerick invite you and your church choir to come and sing a couple of your favourite hymns/worship songs, to listen to others doing the same, and to join in all together as well! This is open to all groups/choirs that lead singing in their church communities on Tuesday, 24th January, 8.00 pm at St Michael's Church of Ireland, Limerick Each choir/group will be asked to sing two hymns/ worship songs that they feel expresses the richness of their traditions, and to introduce these and talk a little bit about them. We'll begin and end the event by all singing a hymn or two that we all know. Bring Your voices (obviously!); musical accompaniment and instruments and there will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to chat.

Further information, and to book a slot in the event, from:

Rev'd Vicki Lynch, [vickilynch@eircom.net](mailto:vickilynch@eircom.net) 086 8292073

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# Knock to New York Historic Tour

The year 2017 will be a remarkable year for the people of Knock and the Irish diaspora in New York as plans are underway at Knock Shrine to lead a group out from Ireland West Airport to New York next May. The flight will depart from Ireland West Airport on Monday 8th May direct to JFK and return on Sunday 14th May.

The primary purpose of the visit is to have the remains of John Curry, the youngest person to witness the Knock Apparition of 1879, re-interred from the current location at Pine Lawn Cemetery, Long Island to St. Patrick's old Cathedral, New York. He like many others at the time left Ireland for New York where he remained until his death in 1943. It is a great honour bestowed by the Archbishop of New York for Knock Shrine and for John Curry's family to have his remains transferred to the historic centre of the Irish.

If you would like to join this once in a lifetime trip, contact Joe Walsh Tour to book your place. You can also view the full itinerary and flight details: [knock-to-new-york-itinerary](http://knock-to-new-york-itinerary). email: [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

