



# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th July 2016

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### 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

## Augustinian Annual Pilgrimage To Knock

Saturday 23rd July  
Bus leaves outside  
Church at 9.00am

Tickets €15

In the Abbey Bookshop



Call on me when  
trouble comes and I  
will hear you  
And you will yet  
praise me.

Ps 50:15

## Team Ministry Across Parishes

Due to the decline in priest numbers and the drop in vocations in the diocese of Limerick, the “evolving clerical landscape” will have to incorporate “teams of priests” who will minister across a number of parishes.

Announcing the 2016 clerical changes for Limerick on Tuesday, Bishop Brendan Leahy said that while the move towards ‘teams of priests’ is inevitable, there will be no change for parish structures or identity.

Teams of priests will work across different parishes and while there won't necessarily be a priest living in every parish, there will be a parish priest for every parish.

“We have been saying for a number of years that we have to adapt for the fall-off in vocations and so far the changes we have implemented have managed this new landscape very well,” the bishop stated.

Having a parish priest for every parish, “enables us to retain the identity of a parish. The parish still has the service of a priest, its parish council, finance committee, etc.” But that parish priest could also be parish priest for a neighbouring parish, Dr Leahy explained.

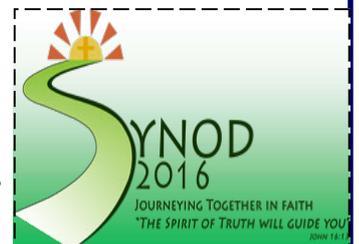
The new landscape, he said, will be accompanied by greater lay involvement and that this was very much prescribed at the Diocesan Synod in April.

“One of the key reasons for holding our Synod was to look at how we can deliver the pastoral care going forward that the people of our diocese need and want as well as dealing with the reality of having less priests,” he said.

“The 400 Synod delegates very much instructed us that the way forward in terms of leadership in the diocese would be a combination of priests and laity.” He added that the need for greater lay involvement was very much declared by delegates and welcomed by the diocese and the fall-off in vocations means that this will not only be desirable but inevitable.

“One proposal, which was strongly supported, at the Synod even suggested we would establish a Team Ministry Structure in each Pastoral Area, while delegates also believed that more supports should be given to foster and encourage more lay people, either individually or in pastoral councils, to come forward and get involved in leadership roles.”

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**The Irish Youth  
Guitar Orchestra  
With the  
Los Angeles  
Guitar Quartet  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
Fri 29th July**



**MARANATHA  
Prayer Ministry**

You are invited to a healing retreat with Fr. Andrew (St. Michael's Church Lmk) With Mass confession, and Worship This Sunday 17th July at 2.30pm in St. Paul's Church Dooradoyle



# Thought for the Day

Being busy is a sort of cultural value among us—and rightly. “If you want something done, ask a busy person.” But, of course, the question of balance arises. There are indeed other needs and other hungers. These include simple human things like time for friends. Even hospitality—which is always at work—can get in the way of really meeting. Something similar can be said of time for reflection, meditation and prayer. Time is not really the issue—after all, we manage to find time to waste on TV, tablets etc. It is more a question of insight, choice and decision, lest we overlook and even lose “the better part.”

**Prayer:** Help us, Lord, to listen to stirrings of our hearts. When we meet friends, help us to really meet. When we meet you, help us too to be present to you. [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)

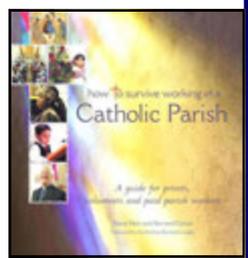


## How to Survive Working in a Catholic Parish

**How to Survive Working in a Catholic Parish  
By Diana Klein & Fr. Bernard Cotter**

If you do voluntary work in a parish, if you are a priest, a seminarian or a parish employee - or if you are thinking about working in a parish - this book will help you understand how Catholic parishes work, how parish life is organised and what it's like to work in them. How to Survive Working in a Catholic Parish is a practical and user-friendly guide to surviving (and thriving) in a Catholic parish.

This would also be a great resource for all members of parish pastoral councils and pastoral area teams as its full of clear information, practical suggestions and discussion questions - a PPC might, for instance, might read a chapter before each meeting and allow 15 minutes discussion. Free diocesan newsletter



## 'Make your Home in Me'

The second **Music Ministry Together** summer school will take place from the 16th-21st August in Cistercian College Roscrea.

The theme for 2016 is “**Make Your Home in Me**”. We are reminded that no matter who we are or where we come from that we all belong under the same covering of the universal church.

During the summer school, we will gather together as music ministers. We will have various sessions to teach and learn church music together. Choir leaders will experience being choir members and hopefully, some choir members will have a go at being choir leaders.

We will also prepare and participate in various styles of Liturgy, share the Eucharist and Sacraments and Catechises. Finally, there will also be time to have fun, with organised activities and entertainment through the week.



## Year of Mercy Lough Derg Pilgrimage

The Pope desires us to deepen and strengthen our faith and one way this can be lived out during the Holy Year is to make pilgrimage and cross the threshold of the Holy Door in a Jubilee Church – a symbol of spiritual renewal. St Patrick's Basilica on Lough Derg will be a Jubilee Church. Many will celebrate the Year of Mercy by coming to Lough Derg on Retreat or Pilgrimage. Every pilgrim who enters the Basilica during their Retreat or Pilgrimage in 2016 will pass through the Holy Door – always open and symbolising God standing, waiting on the threshold to welcome us with open arms into his mercy. There will be a 3 day pilgrimage to Lough Derg with the Limerick /Clare/Galway Group on the August bank holiday 30th July– 1st August bus leaving Arthurs Quay at 6 am. Contact. James Treacy **0860572216**