



# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
18th September 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

SACRED HEART  
CHURCH  
**O'Connell St. Limk.**



Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Tuesday, &  
Thursday.  
6pm–7pm



## Cuan Mhuire Bruree Celebrates 50years

Irish people owe it to one another to be unrelenting in trying to break the cycle of rising addiction in society, Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy stated at a Mass to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cuan Mhuire in Bruree.

The Bruree centre is one of four countrywide operated under the auspices of the drug, alcohol and gambling rehabilitation organisation, Cuan Mhuire, which was founded by Sr. Consilio in 1966 in Athy. **Saturday's** gathering was attended by over 250 people, among them Sr. Consilio Fitzgerald, who founded Cuan Mhuire, and, of course, her blood sister, Sr. Agnes, who runs the Bruree Centre. The JP McManus Charitable Foundation was represented by Dr. Gerry Boland and had praise heaped on it by Sr. Agnes for its generous support of Cuan Mhuire, as were many others who have assisted in countless ways. .



Sr. Consilio



Addressing the congregation at the Mass at the Bruree centre, Bishop Leahy said that human weakness is constant but, regrettably now, not least through the internet, there are more temptations and forms of addiction than ever.

He said: **“Recently, Pope Francis has added a new work of mercy to the traditional list – care for our common home. We owe it to one another in Ireland, as a collective work of mercy on the part of society as a whole, but then also of each of us individually, to keep up our will to do something about the rising levels of addiction in society. “We know how easy it is for all of us to get tired, to get discouraged, to lose courage when faced with the challenges of addiction. We can get demoralised as a country. We can switch off. But we’re only fooling ourselves. The problems don’t go away.”**

Bishop Leahy had particular words for members of the attendance who have confronted addictions by taking the step to go to Cuan Mhuire and other addiction rehabilitation centres. **“I want to underline how they had courage. It takes courage to come away, and face yourself honestly and give yourself the chance to come to terms with an addiction. “Today in Cuan Mhuire, there is a message of hope. Addiction need not be the last word. We can do something about it.”**

Excerpt taken from the Limerick Diocesan Newsletter

## St. Nicholas Church Westbury Parish Mission

Mon 26th-Frid 30th  
September  
Mass Mon—Thurs in  
Munchin's College  
Chapel at 9.45am  
&  
Mon-Fri evening at  
7.30pm in St. Nicholas  
Church Westbury

## Taize

Augustinian Church  
Every Thursday  
5.00pm-6.00pm  
Come & join us.



Harvest Sunday  
25th Sept  
Thanksgiving Mass  
at 11.15am  
You are invited to  
bring some fruit or  
vegetables to  
this celebration!

MARANATHA  
Prayer Ministry  
You are invited to a  
healing retreat with  
Fr. Ger Fitzgerald Ennis  
Janice & Moss Carrig  
Newcastlewest  
Mass confession,  
and Worship  
This Sunday 18th Sept  
at 2.30pm  
**in St. Paul's Church**  
Dooradoyle

## Thought for Today

The banking crisis is only one example of a wider “honesty deficit” in public life. Even people working for charities are sometimes found, unfortunately, to be lacking in integrity. As a result, the story of dishonest management will not lack contemporary echoes. It also means that the shock of story—the manager continues to fix the books for his own benefit—is just as much a shock as it would have been in first-century Palestine. If that were not enough, the ironic teaching drawn in v. 9 borders on the sarcastic, not to say caustic. No missing the meaning, in any case! **But what is the meaning? It can't be simply copy that distressing example of the manager.** To act, not to delay, seems to be at the centre.

Prayer:

I truly believe and I know, God of our hearts, that you love and desire all that I am. May your great love penetrate even the darkest parts of my life that I may know true conversion of heart and love you with my whole self.

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## Opening a Door on the Bible

In our Catholic tradition—and add to that an Irish dimension—we are hearers of **God's Word not readers of the Bible.** Yet we have a great respect for those who read the Bible on a daily or weekly basis, those who can quote chapter and verse and those who retell the bible stories in their lives. But we must not get lost in an ocean of words, we need to come ashore and reflect on the Word of God. This is what our workshops are about— **reflecting on the story that is God's Word.**

The series of Workshops on offer this year will focus on the Bible in the context of our celebration of life and death, recall the life of Jesus and of course the seasons **of Advent, Lent and Easter.** **Why do we listen to the 'old stories' of a bygone age?** Why do we struggle to understand the parables of Jesus? What has St. Paul to say to us in this digital age?

Each person brings their own story to the workshop not so much to tell it but to see it re-told in the sacred Word and so give a deeper meaning to it. The workshops are not academic studies but a way to enlighten our own journey. Pope Francis reminds us: **'the study of the Word of God must be an open door to every believer** (Joy of the Gospel 175). The workshops aim at fulfilling this challenge.

The workshops take place once a month on Saturdays 10.00am –12.30 in the Terence Albert Hall next to the Dominican church, Limerick. The first to roll out will be the 17th September : The Table of the Word — meeting Christ in the Scriptures at Mass, with Dr. Jessie Rogers. However places are limited to 30 due to available space.

**Enquiries to Fr. Jordan O'Brien O.P.—086 4096207 / oplimerick@gmail.com .** The workshops are free however a donation would be appreciated.



## Ministries this Sunday

Ministers this Sunday 9.00am : Ms Marguerite Coady, Mr. Dale Harrow .  
Eucharistic Minister Mr. Seamus Maloney.  
Mass at 11.15am : Mr. Jim Mc Carthy, Mr. Milo Hurley  
Psalm: Mr. Milo Hurley  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ms Geraldine Fitzgerald, Mr. G Williams,  
Ms Anne Williams.  
Mass at 7.30pm Readers: Mr. Mossie Hynan, Mr. Leo Van Dam