



# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
25th September 2016

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## Harvest Thanksgiving

### 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

Country markets bring people closer to the earth. That explains the growing popularity of the Saturday Market in Limerick and throughout Ireland. Recently I was watching a television documentary where bee-keeping was on the up in New York where many keep their hives on rooftops, including skyscrapers and office buildings which make for fantastic apiaries. This project is part of a green initiative as bees are the main pollinators of flowering plants, including many fruits and vegetables. After a long day in the office many are now enjoying caring for nature in tending to their bees and working towards a greener planet!



Pope Francis has written to us all on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Sept 1st. He said - **this day is “an opportunity to strengthen the common commitment to safeguard life, respecting the environment and nature” (Angelus, 28.8.2016).**

Pope Francis writes **“With this Message, I renew my dialogue with “every person living on this planet” about the sufferings of the poor and the devastation of the environment. God gave us a bountiful garden, but we have turned it into a polluted wasteland of “debris, desolation and filth”. We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behaviour. ”**

Pope Francis invites us to examine our conscience, and change course ... then he proposes a radical change:

“The Christian life involves the practice of the traditional seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy. ... **“human life itself and everything it embraces”** includes care for our common home. So let me propose a complement to the two traditional sets of seven: may the works of mercy also include care for our common home. As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a **“grateful contemplation of God’s world”** which **“allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us”**.”

**As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires “simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness” and “makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world”**



The challenge is to all of us, as Pope Francis makes a strong connection between mercy and care for the environment. The display of nature's bounty in this church today moves us to give thanks for this year's harvest and to celebrate our care for the planet as a compliment to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. As our contribution we intend to give this bountiful harvest to Novas for distribution to the poor in our city.

Our thanks also to all our volunteers who helped get every thing ready and make this thanksgiving possible again this year!



### Sheltered Housing

Sheltered Housing, accommodation available in Good Shepherd Ave, Pennywell Road.

Accommodation is suitable for older persons who are capable of independent living. If you are interested, please contact

061/446608 or email

[ber-gerietrustltd@gmail.com](mailto:ber-gerietrustltd@gmail.com) for an application form.

## Taize

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

## Red Hurley *How Great Thou Art*



In Concert  
Church of the  
Assumption Abbeyfeale  
Friday 14th October  
at 8pm  
Tickets €15  
089 4356981

## DOMINICAN Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 9th October  
9am from outside  
Dominican Church

Tickets can be  
purchased at the  
Priory Office  
085 2255796

## 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

## Harvest Prayer



*Lord your harvest is a harvest of love;  
Love sown in the hearts of people;  
Love that spreads out to all  
like the branches of a great tree;  
Love that inspires and recreates;  
Love that gives and shares;  
Love that feeds the hungry;  
Love that asks why they are hungry;  
Bless our harvest feast.*

*Help us to celebrate the harvest of the heart,  
to reap the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen      Liam Ryan OSA*

## Ecology and the Fourth Gospel

The Salesian sisters present a one day conference on Ecology and the Fourth Gospel with Margaret Daly Denton as presenter. Her forthcoming contribution to the **Earth Bible Commentary Series** suggests how **John's Gospel** might motivate and resource a Christian response to the ecological crisis. It shows how aptly **Mary Magdalene** recognised the risen Jesus as 'the gardener' (**John' 20.15**), completing his day's work in the 'garden' of the Earth.

Margaret Daly-Denton's career as a church musician, composer, liturgist and monastic, and latterly as a biblical scholar and enthusiast for ecology has provided the seeds for this commentary. This enables her to synthesise the many and varied strands of insight into the work of ecological hermeneutics. This conference takes place on Saturday 1st October at the Redemptorists Conference Hall, registration at 10.30am. Cost €10. Contact Sr. Betty Baker: 087 2995004

## Harvest Day at Bunratty Co. Clare

Harvest Day will take place on Sunday September 25th 2016. The annual gathering of the Harvest will be celebrated in style at Bunratty Folk Park, Co. Clare with a traditional 19th century Harvest day. Owners of vintage tractors and machinery will come from far and wide to proudly display their wares for what promises to be a great family day out. There will be old style threshing demonstrations, sheaf throwing and tug of war, sugán rope making, storytelling with local seanacháí, traditional butter making and bread baking demonstrations along with music, song and dance with the traditional Straw Boys. Why don't you join us to celebrate the gathering of the harvest at Bunratty Folk Park, and see the traditions of a typical 19th century harvest day.



## Ministries this Sunday

Ministers this Sunday 9.00am : Ms Marguerite Coady, Mr. Dale Harrow .  
Eucharistic Minister Mr. Seamus Maloney.  
Mass at 11.15am : Ms. Patricia Cahill, Mr. David Blake  
Psalm: Mr. Milo Hurley  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ms. Marie Rocca , Mr. G Williams, Ms. Anne Williams.  
Mass at 7.30pm Readers: Mr. Mossie Hynan, Mr. Leo Van Dam