

# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd July 2017

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### Trócaire

## Special Collection for Hunger Crisis in East Africa

### Mass times:

Monday—Friday

7.30am—8.30am—

10.15am— & 4.00pm

Saturday —

8.30am—10.15am—3.00pm

(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday—

9.00am, 11.15 am & 7.30pm

### Confession:

Monday & Friday

10.45am—12.00 / 3.00pm-4pm

Saturday —

10.45am—12.00 / 2.30pm-4pm

Taize- Summer Break

Resumes in October

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has announced recently that special collections at all Masses will take place across Ireland on the weekend of 22nd / 23rd July to fund life-saving aid for people currently affected by the devastating hunger crisis in east-Africa. The money raised will be donated to Trócaire, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, which is delivering emergency food, water and health care to the 25 million people affected.

Severe drought, driven by climate change, is currently affecting Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia and this has resulted in failed harvests and the widespread death of livestock. Conflict has exacerbated the effects in South Sudan and Somalia, with areas in

both countries now on the verge of famine.

Trócaire has a long-standing presence in all four affected countries and is working with local communities to deliver life-saving aid, including food, water and healthcare, to hundreds of thousands of those worst affected.

"The Catholic Church in Ireland is already responding to this crisis through Trócaire. However, needs are so enormous that we will hold special collections across the country on the weekend of 22nd July. All money collected will go directly to **Trócaire's humanitarian relief** work in east Africa. Bishops are asking clergy and parishioners to respond to this terrible tragedy **with generosity.**"

[www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

## 'Amoris' Let's talk Family, Let's be Family!

On Monday 21st August, at the National Novena in Knock; the launch of the World Meeting of Families **2018 programme 'Amoris: Let's talk Family, Let's be Family!'** will take place.

Families representing each diocese will travel to Knock for this special day. A newly commissioned Icon of the Holy Family will be unveiled and anointed in the Basilica following which, the Icon will travel to each diocese around the country as part of the WMOF2018 celebrations.

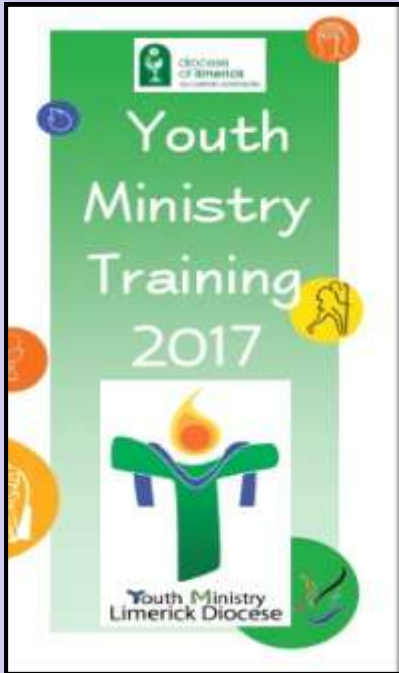
Would you and your family like to join us on pilgrimage to Knock for this special day? Please let us

know immediately - if we have enough interest, we will organise a bus! Call us on 061 315856 if you are interested - places must be booked by the family themselves before Friday, August 4th 2017,

**It is also hoped to have a special 'Witness Walk' at 7pm, prior to the Novena evening Mass. This is to remember the witnesses and follows a route around the village and Shrine grounds followed by a special blessing in the Apparition Chapel.** Diocesan newsletter.



## Youth Ministry Training Programme



As part of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, the Youth Ministry Team in the Diocese will be delivering a Youth Ministry Training Programme beginning in September 2017. This course is aimed at adults (aged 21+) volunteers or professionals who have an interest in working with children or young people in a parish or school setting.

What is the aim of the training?

To train people to deliver youth ministry programmes and events within their own parishes.

To empower and encourage people at local level to take on leadership roles in the area of youth ministry.

To offer practical support and resources as well as grounding people in the theory and theology of youth ministry.

When & where will it be run?

Thursday nights from September to December 2017 beginning on September 21st.

Weekend Residential Retreat October 14th and 15th

One day of Safeguarding Training on November 11th

Planning

How can I apply? Application Forms can be downloaded\_ with more information on the course. Contact: Aoife Walsh, Limerick Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Den-mark St, Limerick 061-400133 [awalsh@ldpc.ie](mailto:awalsh@ldpc.ie)

## Thought for the Day

Again today we have two versions of the one parable, the original and a later church interpretation or reception. Communities of faith are **always “mixed,” in that some people are fully engaged, some are half-hearted** and many, perhaps most, are somewhere in between. What to do? The temptation to go for a radical, purified church has been a recurring one across history. The teaching of this parable is to let things alone—it is not for us to judge. It could be (we hope!) that less committed believers may change and a welcoming, compassionate approach may enable that to happen.

Prayer: Jesus, your compassion to all inspires us today to recognise our own need of your grace. Help us work on the plank in our own eyes before we dare to recognise, much less **to offer to remove, a splinter in our neighbour’s eye.** Tarsus.ie



## Clerical Changes 2017

The impact of dwindling vocations nationwide has been mitigated this year in Limerick as the diocesan clerical changes announced this week includes two priests returning to the diocese.

Announcing the changes, Bishop Leahy said: **“We all know the challenges we face from dwindling vocations but this year we have relatively few changes...A small number of priests have taken on additional duties and I am very conscious of the workload on all our priests. No more than any organisation would be with regard to the work of their people, we are all indebted to them for their generosity and dedication.**

Bishop Leahy added: **“We are a just over a year on now from our Synod, which was very much about facing the Church in our diocese into the future and that will be very much one of greater lay involvement. Over the coming year we will begin to implement more initiatives from the Synod, all with a view to sharing the workload, yes, but also the joy of spreading God’s word.”** Full story at [limerickdiocese.org](http://limerickdiocese.org)