

St. Augustine's Church Limerick

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th August 2017

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World Meeting of Families 2018

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: Summer Changes

Monday & Friday

10.45am—12.00 / 3.00pm-4pm

Saturday —

10.45am—12.00 / 2.30pm-4pm

Taize- Summer Break

All this will be launched in Knock on Monday August 21st on the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady in Knock. This day of celebration will include liturgical moments, the celebration of the Eucharist,



workshops, as well as faith and fun activities for all the family. The WMOF2018 Icon of the Holy Family will be unveiled and anointed at Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and then begin its journey around the dioceses of Ireland.

Please join us in Knock that day with all your family! We look forward to welcoming families from every diocese across the country for this special celebration. More information: www.worldmeeting2018.ie

We would like to have lots of Limerick families there - let us know if you are going! Please call the Diocesan Office on 061 315856 immediately to check if any final free bus places are still available for families! (Families must book **themselves, and under 18s must remain in the care of parent/guardian for the pilgrimage**).

Diocesan Newsletter

This time next year we will be in the final stages of preparation for World Meeting of Families in Dublin. Families will have arrived from across the world, tickets will be sold out and the whole country will be wondering what the three day event will be like!

However, we want this to be more than a three day wonder - this is our opportunity to create and develop family ministry in every parish in our diocese! So we want everyone to know about and engage with the one year preparation plan that is being rolled out. The planners have listened well to the hundreds of people consulted across the country and decided on a few key points:

* We begin by supporting and celebrating what already is - this Autumn parishes will be offered resources for existing moments (gifts for parents of the newly baptised, Christmas resources, etc). This will support, include and encourage us.

* In Spring a six week parish program, as well as a variety of school and youth programs will be offered. Many are online as well as in paper copies, so that people can access the reflections in as many ways as possible.

* Pope Francis specifically asked that the preparation focus on a letter he wrote about family, called 'the joy of family'. So the sessions will listen first to 'our experiences' and then to Pope Francis reflections, on six themes.



Thought for Today

In today's Gospel, Jesus changes his mind! How is that possible? Twice in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus limits his ministry to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt 10:6; 15:24). In today's story, however, a very feisty woman, clearly not a daughter of Abraham, with her urgency and her witty retort, brings Jesus to recognise the needs of those beyond the ethnic confines of the Jewish people. They are ordinary human beings too, just as much in need of the Good News of the Kingdom as anyone else.

Prayer

We believe and we know, O God, that you love the human race, without make any distinction of persons or rank. Inspire us to see you in everyone we meet, for all are your children and you are the father of us all.

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Maranatha Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat with Fr. Damian Ryan & lay speakers Janice & Moss Carrig. It will be an afternoon of Praise & Worship with Confession, Mass and Adoration. Sunday 20th August in St. Pauls Church Dooradoyle at 2.30pm. Refreshments after.

FEASTS OF OUR PATRONS

ST. MONICA & ST. AUGUSTINE

Monday, 28th August

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS CELEBRATION

Mass at 10.15 am

National Heritage Week 2017

National Heritage Week 2017 takes place from 19th – 27th August and is part of European Heritage Days a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Commission, and are the most widely celebrated participatory cultural events shared by the citizens of Europe.

Over 70,000 events are organised every year in order to help raise awareness of Europe's common heritage and the continuous need for its protection. This year we are celebrating the intrinsic relationship between people and nature under the common theme of Heritage and Nature.

European Heritage Days 2017 highlight people's relationship with their immediate environment, show the way nature and people are intimately interrelated and draw attention to the need for preserving nature, heritage and landscape for future generations. (Event Guide)

Events take place in Limerick City and throughout the county in Rathkeale, Kilmallock, Newcastle West, Bruff, Patrickswell, Bruree and Abbeyfeale, and most are free. For a full list of Limerick events visit www.heritageweek.ie or pick up an event guide book at your local tourist office, and are also available at the back of the church.