

# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September 2017

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Back To  
School!

### 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 Countdown to WMOF 2018 Begins

Mass to celebrate the one year countdown to the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Ireland Families and individuals from across Ireland travelled to Knock, Co Mayo, on Monday 21st August to be part of the celebrations for the official launch of the preparatory programme and to mark the one year countdown to next year's World Meeting of Families 2018.

The WMOF2018 Icon of the Holy Family was unveiled and anointed at Mass in the basilica. The official prayer for WMOF2018 was also presented at the Mass. The Amoris: Let's talk Family! Let's Be Family! Programme was also launched. Using a range of online and parish based resources, this programme will offer families, parishes and wider society an opportunity to think about and discuss our vision and hopes for family and marriage, particularly in light of Pope Francis' The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia), his 2016 Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said in the homily, "God's love reaches out to all. We have an obligation to preach the Gospel of love to all. There is no family that is ideal. Plates fly in every family. There are however great families who struggle, at times heroically. The celebration of a World Meeting of Families would be hypocritical were it to be a celebration that ignored this struggle. A civilization of love must involve the search for a new politics for families, a politics of care for the marginalised and those who struggle."

For more information see [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie).

## Official Family Prayer for WMOF 2018

God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray: (Pause)  
Increase our faith, strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.  
This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



This specially commissioned WMOF 2018 Icon of the Holy Family will now begin its journey around the dioceses of Ireland.

**The New Cosmology**  
 'Birthing a New Theology'  
 Sat 23rd Sept  
 Mary I College  
 Registration 10.30am  
 Cost €15  
 Booking Essential  
**Betty 087-2995004**

**National Grandparents Day  
 Pilgrimage to Knock  
 Sunday Sept 10th**

Coach departs outside the  
 Salesian School Fernbank  
 at 8.30am/ Tickets €18  
**Contact Sr. Susan**  
**085 7491270**

**New Beginnings**



**Feast Day Tue 5th Sept.**

# Thought for the Day

Jesus had the gift of saying things directly and plainly, with a power to penetrate all our defences and lead us to a new awareness. Today's message puts before us the paradox of the Gospel: we gain life by letting go of it. If I put my happiness, my being loved, at the centre of my life, then I will surely fail, even though to be loved and to be happy are really important. If on the other hand I put the happiness of others first and love them unconditionally, then I too will know unselfish love and deep happiness. This is the very insight and wisdom that Jesus puts before us as the key not just to love but to live and within that, the key to authentic discipleship precisely as a way of life.



**Prayer :** Teach us, Lord, that nothing is more life-giving than to love and be loved in return.

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

## FAMILY FUN DAY

Limerick diocese launches its preparations for World Meeting of Families 2018 with a 'Free Family Fun Afternoon' in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Sunday October 8th, 2017.

This is a free event for families and all welcome - Please save the date and bring all your family, young and old, to the celebration!

We will begin with the celebration of Mass together and finish in music and prayer. In between there will be food stalls, music and film, sports and family activities, information stalls and resources, as well as opportunities for prayer, contemplation and celebration together.

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### Prayer to St. Teresa of Calcutta

'Not all of us can do great things.  
 But we can do small things with  
 great love.'

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, you  
 allowed the merciful love of Jesus  
 to inspire you and to  
 change your life.

Through your deeds for those in  
 need, you showed  
 His Mercy to the world.  
 With confidence, I ask you  
 to obtain from the  
 Merciful Heart of Jesus  
 (...here make your request...).

Teach me to do every small  
 thing with great love,  
 in the name of Jesus and  
 to show mercy to others.  
 Amen

### NEW BEGINNINGS

Spirit of Wisdom and Love,  
 bless all pupils and teachers  
 returning to schools  
 after the Summer holidays.

Help new beginnings in primary  
 and secondary schools.  
 May each one have good friends,  
 and positive learning experiences,

May they give a special welcome  
 to those who come from different  
 countries and different religions.

Build all schools into communities  
 of faith, love and care, places  
 where each person is respected  
 as a miracle of God's creation.

Teach us all compassion and love,  
 the values of head, heart and soul.  
 Amen L. Ryan