



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 20th February 2022

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

SUNDAY

9.00am, 11.15am
& 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.45am-12 Noon
3.00pm-4.00pm

SATURDAY

10.45am-12noon
2.30pm-4pm



St. Augustine's Church

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Representatives.

Fr. Noel Hession OSA

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Ms Geraldine van Dam

Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Ms Mary Deegan.



'In Old Age they will still bear Fruit'

Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family, has welcomed the announcement of the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 24 July. The theme, which is taken from Psalm 92:15, is 'In old age they will still bear fruit'.

Expanding on the theme in a series of tweets, the Holy Father said, "I have chosen this theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on 24 July 2022, to promote dialogue among the generations, especially between grandparents and grandchildren.

"It is very important to bring together the wisdom of the elderly and the enthusiasm of the young. The encounter between grandparents and grandchildren is key, especially in this moment of economic and social crisis that humanity is undergoing.



Pope Francis continued, "The elderly should be cared for like a treasure of humanity: they are our wisdom, our memory. It is crucial that grandchildren remain close to their grandparents, who are like roots from which they draw the sap of human and spiritual values."

Source: excerpt taken for catholicnews.ie www.catholicbishops.ie.

Thought for the Day

In the most generous perspective, the desire for retaliation represents a longing for justice and equity. For example, "an eye for an eye." Such justice is easily distorted into vengeance, hence the limiting of vengeance to precisely equal retaliation in the Old Testament. That tempering of vengeance does not really go far enough. The problem is responding in kind—the ultimate logic of which would be one person left with one eye!! Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: do not respond to violence with violence, do not engage at the level offered. Instead, turn the dynamic on its head: love your enemies and break the cycle of hatred and violence.



Prayer

Help us, compassionate God, to take to heart the teaching of Jesus that love without limit may be our rule of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source : www.tarsus.ie

Prayer for Shelter from the Storm



God of heaven and earth,
God who carries our lives
and the lives of our whole
community in your hands,
be with us.

Send us your holy angels
to watch over and guard us.
May they spread their holy wings
to give us shelter against the
storm.

We ask this through Christ,
Our Lord. Amen.

Candle of Atonement

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of abuse will take place on Friday 25 February 2022. The Day of Prayer is an initiative by Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses and parishes in 2017. Introducing the Candles of Atonement Archbishop Eamon Martin said 'I encourage dioceses and parishes to undertake this prayer initiative and to light the 'Candle of Atonement' in Cathedrals and churches across Ireland again this year.

Candle of Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts
for having offended you, for our great failings
and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by
the Church in any way into your loving hands
and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the
way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

Source: Excerpt taken from Day of Prayer for survivors &
victim of abuse www.catholicbishops.ie



Look for the 'Fairtrade' Logo

The launch of the Limerick Fairtrade Fortnight takes place here in St. Augustine's tomorrow Monday 21st Feb. There will be an informative display at the back of the church and also a free raffle for a Fairtrade Hamper. LOOK for the Fairtrade logo. When you BUY tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate etc with this logo you provide a farming family in the developing world with a fair price for their product so they can live with dignity. Thank you for your support.



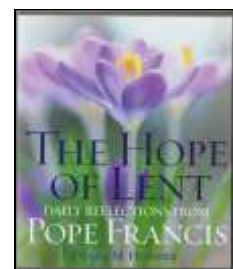
**I will lift up my eyes unto the hills
from where does my help come?
my help comes from the Lord
the maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 121**



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