



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 19th June 2022

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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



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Corpus Christi: Bread to Gladden the Heart

I lived among a kind people in a place where dance is of high importance. They found my stumbling attempts to mimic their moves shocking, near blasphemy. So bad they found it hard to believe: dancers were humans and humans were dancers and you could scarcely be one and not the other. Where did that leave me? A local psychologist, self-certified, asked did your mother carry you on her back? **I thought she didn't. Now I see, he shouted, like a man who had just seen all the Secrets of Fatima in one eye-opening flash, that's it then! His incredulity continued; didn't she make bread? Bread too they took seriously.**

What he was getting at was that little **Johnnie the jockey on his mother's back** learned to dance before he could walk and he could no more unlearn it than he could the back of his hand. He swayed, ducked and dived as she trod the road of hard toil that led to bread. First, hoe in one hand and grain-gourd in the other, she swung rhythmically along the rows planting and covering the seed. Tilling and weeding and reaping demanded different steps. Threshing time



found her flailing the stack of reaped corn with a heavy stick, quickened by beating drums. By now Johnnie was a jumps jockey clearing a fence every time **mother's head and shoulders rose and fell with the flail. Winnowing was a gentler dance; no quick-step here as the chaff wafted away on the wind while the grain from the high-held calabash settled on the ground. All well, but still no bread. That's where the grinding-stone came in.** One side was perfectly hollowed as if moulded around an egg, smooth as marble and deep enough to bathe a baby. Generations of women before Johnnie's mother had knelt holding smaller rocks between their hands to grind their hard-grown grain. Forward and back, back and forward his mother went through drudgery that gave us the phrase *Nose to the grindstone* while Johnnie absorbed more moves. The celebratory harvest dance was his graduation ball and in due course he hit the ground, dancing.

So, in sum: there are those who know they can't dance, there are those who think they can and there are those who can because they learned it before they were dropped off their mothers' backs to walk alone. And, there are those who don't know the true value of bread and there are those who do; none more than the dancing drudge who drew loaf from loam in the course of a season's farming, toiling but thankful and never alone. What to the outsider seemed ordeal always ended in gratitude whether the yield was a hundred or sixty, thirty or less.

A lot of love, life and labour went into the making of bread and the God of Life saw fit to be there in its grateful breaking. For us the same Lord of Life lives therein. So, we celebrate Corpus Christi. Bread and Wine, with dancing, if we can.

J.L.

Jesuit Week at Knock Shrine

Jesuit Week returns to Knock again this year. It will begin on the evening of the 24th July and will end on Sunday 31st July. This week has been a part of the programme at Knock Shrine for the past number of years and is always a wonderful and inspiring week. Each session will be available to **attend in person and will also be 'live streamed' at our Knock Shrine website www.knockshrine.ie** The retreat will be led by Ashley Evans SJ with three sessions each day 10.30am and 4.30pm in the Knock Basilica and 8.30pm (Examen) in the Apparition Chapel. Source: www.knockshrine.ie



Mother of Good Counsel Prayer Group
Join us as we pray through the Scriptures with Fr. David Kelly OSA every Tuesday following the **4.00pm Mass in St. Augustine's.** Finishing around 5.15pm. All are welcome!



Child Safeguarding Training

On Tuesday 28th June at 8.00pm there will be a two hour training session for all in ministry in this church. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Volunteers, Musicians, choir members and staff. All our ministers are required to attend this ongoing training. This is important so please put a note in your diary Tuesday 28th June at 8pm. **It will be facilitated by Tony Murphy our Augustinian Safeguarding Liaison person and will take place here in the Augustinian Church.**



Corpus Christi Procession

You are invited to attend the Limerick diocese Corpus Christi Procession on the Feast of the Most Blessed Sacrament on this Sunday 19th June. Gathering at St. Michael's Church after the 4.30m Mass. The procession will proceed from St. Michael's to St. John's Cathedral. The children who received their First Holy Communion throughout the diocese are particularly welcome to attend and join in the procession. All are Welcome!



Cultural & Heritage Walking Tour

Join Limerick writer and approved regional tour guide Joe Coleman for this fun and lively tour around literary Limerick. Learn about the rich history of writers and events that make literary Limerick unique. Tour length about 2hrs. Every Thursday from June 9th – Aug 25th from 3pm-5pm meet at the Parade outside King John's Castle. **Booking at Eventbrite or pay €12 per person on the day.** Source: www.limerickdiscover.ie



Limerick Garden Festival

Treaty 1921: Records from the National Archives Exhibition

The exhibition marks the centenary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty on 6th December 1921. Presented by the National Archives in partnership with Limerick City and County Council Archives Service. This touring exhibition is open at the Istabraq Hall, Merchants Quay Limerick, Monday– Friday 9am-5pm until 30th June. Admission Free. Source: www.limerickdiscover.ie

Limerick's Garden Festival gets under way this Sunday at the Milk Market. The festival will feature an exciting plant, garden and food market with 50 stalls from all over Ireland, including specialists nurseries, expert talks, garden workshops and garden displays. A great day out for all the family. **Entry €5 / (Master class €10 booking required)** source: www.limerickdiscover.ie

'Let us ask ourselves today: are we open to God's surprises?'