



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 6th November 2022

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Synodal Pathway - Time for Action

Mass Times

Monday-Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
Mass for the Sick

3.00pm

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

Child Safeguarding
Representatives.

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.

Fr. John Lyng O.S.A.

Ms Geraldine van Dam

Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Mr. John Doyle



Addressing the members of the Association of Catholic Priests at their AGM on 19 October last, the recently appointed General Secretary of the Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland, Julieann Moran, reflected upon the paths travelled so far in the process, and the paths yet to journey on both the Universal Synod and the Irish Synodal Pathway.

Ms Moran advised delegates on the next step in the Universal Synod, which is the Continental Stage. She informed them that a working document has been prepared by members of the Synod leadership team in Rome, its advisory committee, and approximately 20 other experts from across 17 countries. This document, the meeting was informed, had been prepared in a climate of listening, prayer and discernment, and it summarised all 112 submissions sent to **the Synod office by national Bishops' Conferences. The intention is for seven assemblies to be held for the continental stage and, of these, the European Assembly will take place in Prague from 5 to 12 February 2023.** Following the continental assemblies, a further working document will then be prepared for the Universal Synod which will be held over two stages, in October 2023 and in October 2024.

Ms Moran urged members to treat the documents (local submissions, the national synthesis, and the working document) as "stimuli, not manifestos or declarations, but as documents at the service of this synodal journey, because the purpose of synodality is not about writing documents." She continued, "The synodal journey of the Catholic Church in Ireland has definitely begun but preparing ourselves to think – and act – synodally, will not happen overnight. Any Synodal Assembly without prayer, preparation, and formation runs the risk of being merely a parliament of competing voices. So at the core of this journey, must be the continued listening to God by listening to one another."

Following discussion around some discernment questions, Ms Moran suggested that members of the Church do not have to wait for a document to come from Rome, or an Exhortation from the Holy Father, or for a report published by the Bishops' Conference, in order to live and model synodality. Ms Moran said, "rather, as the Church exists to be on mission, namely to Share the Good News, we know that the whole people of God is called to be on mission equally by virtue of everyone's baptism."

Finally, Ms Moran encouraged those gathered to consider all the ways in which synodal processes could be implemented, today, throughout the living Church, in "our parish pastoral councils, presbyteral councils, diocesan councils, boards of management, finance committees, in our parishes, schools, hospitals, and other institutions, even in our homes – wherever two or three are gathered in His name. **It is time for action, we simply have to begin.**"

Source www.CatholicNews.ie / www.catholicbishops.ie

'Remember me at the Lord's Altar'

After a conversation in which this mother and son were lifted beyond the things of earth even to the enjoyment of the things of heaven, St. Monica told her son, "Son, for myself, I have no longer any pleasure in anything in this life. What I want here further, and why I am here, I know not, now that my hopes in this world are satisfied. There was indeed one thing for which I wished to tarry a little in this life, and that was that I might see you a Catholic Christian before I died. My God has exceeded this abundantly".

(Confessions IX, 10)

Shortly thereafter, she fell ill to a fever and died at Ostia. On her deathbed she called her son Augustine together with his brother and, desiring to put them at ease regarding her funeral, said to them: "*Lay this body anywhere, let not the care for it trouble you at all. This only I ask, that you will remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you be.*" (Confessions IX, 11)



A NOVEMBER PRAYER

**Lord, thank you for the miracle,
the mystery and the life of my beloved.
Take him/her into the embrace of your love and peace.
Support me in my dark times of grief and loneliness.
Give me the faith to feel his/her presence still with me.
Help me to celebrate the good memories of my beloved.
Jesus and Mary help me to get through
this day into the hope of tomorrow.**

Amen.

L. Ryan



In Loving Memory

The first anniversary Mass for Fr. Liam Ryan OSA will take place this Sunday at 11.15am. We will be joined today by his close family and many friends. Fr. Liam will be remembered for his dedication to his mission in life, a man with a dream and a great vision, touching so many lives with his joyfulness and spiritual luminosity leaving us a legacy that will live on throughout life's journey. May he Rest in Peace.

University Maternity Hospital Limerick Annual Remembrance Service



We invite parents and their families who have experienced the death of their baby, or pregnancy loss at any stage, together with hospital staff to

**The Church of the Holy Rosary
Ennis Road
Limerick**

Sunday 6. Of November 2022

At 3pm

Every precious life forever remembered



Exploring the Book of Ruth

**Exploring the Book of Ruth, 4 Thursdays
from 10th November to 1st of December**

You are invited to join Pat Higgins, from our Lay Pastoral Ministry Programme, in an exploration of the Book of Ruth. The programme will run over 4 weeks from 7:30pm to 8:30pm on Thursday 10th, 17th and 24th of November and Thursday 1st of December.

Phone Pat on 087 203 4626 to register your place or register online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BookOfRuth>
Venue: Athea Church.

**'When I seek you my God,
I seek a blessed life.
I shall seek you, so that my
soul may live'
St. Augustine.**