



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 25th June 2023

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## Hunted and Hunter

### 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

*"Stop thief! Stop thief!" There is a magic in the sound. The tradesman leaves his counter, and the carman his waggon; the butcher throws down his tray; the baker his basket; the milkman his pail; the errand-boy his parcels; the school-boy his marbles; the paviour his pick-axe; the child his battledore. Away they run, pell-mell, helter-skelter, slap-dash: tearing, yelling, screaming, knocking down the passengers as they turn the corners, rousing up the dogs, and astonishing the fowls: and streets, squares, and courts, re-echo with the sound. "Stop thief! Stop thief!" There is a passion for hunting something deeply implanted in the human breast. One wretched breathless child, panting with exhaustion; terror in his looks; agony in his eyes; large drops of perspiration streaming down his face; strains every nerve to make head upon his pursuers; and as they follow on his track, and gain upon him every instant, they hail his decreasing strength with still louder shouts, and whoop with joy. "Stop thief!"*

That's the mob as Dickens well describes it, telling of poor Oliver's dilemma.



You could still see such scenes in the some of the bazaars and open marketplaces of the world. Somebody, moved by subjective impression or even by ill-will shouts thief, points a finger, and the chase is on. The charge once laid, the mob needs no evidence and passes swiftly to the matter of guilty verdict and, often enough, its execution.

The mob is not always made up of idle and opportunistic marketplace hangers-on ready to prey. It could be clad in any uniform or none. When we have a monopoly of power or numbers or certitude we are tempted to act the mob towards those outside the circle. It can happen in a church unrestrained by weakness or humility, in a government without genuinely bold opposition, in communications media enervated by absence of challenge in the hall of mirrors or echo chamber studios from where they pontificate. And one great ability of a mob is to pick up new members as it runs.

There are echoes in today's scripture readings: Poor Jeremiah would be at home in Oliver's shoes, if he had any, hearing "Denounce him, denounce him."

And surely Jesus would feel with him *"One wretched breathless child, panting with exhaustion; terror in his looks; agony in his eyes; large drops of perspiration streaming down his face..."* For his like was spoken *"you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows."*

J.L.



### 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



## Thought for the day

Thought for the day Our times have an air of instability and everyone feels the sense of upheaval and unpredictability. Fear is perfectly understandable. Something similar may be said of our lives as believers. From a "church" point of view, we wonder who will be in church in the coming years and who will preside at the Lord's Supper. From a personal point of view, familiar faith affirmations seem no longer as tenable as they were. And yet, at the centre of the faith project stands not my condition or even my faith, but all that God did for us Jesus' death and resurrection. As Paul exclaims who will (or can) separate us from the love of God in Christ?

Prayer I love you, Lord, my rock, my fortress, my refuge. Help me to take hold of the hand you stretch out in Jesus.

Source: [www.tarsus.ie/Sunday\\_readings](http://www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings)



**'Do not be afraid  
you are worth more  
than many sparrows'**



*Be at Peace*

*St. Francis de Sales*

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;  
Rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,  
God, whose very own you are,  
will lead you safely through all things;  
And when you cannot stand it,  
God will carry you in His arms.  
Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;  
The same understanding Father who cares for you today  
will take care of you then and every day.  
He will either shield you from suffering or will give you  
unfailing strength to bear it.  
Be at peace, and put aside all anxious  
thoughts and imaginations.

## Synodal Pathway - Where do we go from here?

The Synodal Pathway calls us to be new ways of church together. But 'where do we go from here?' what does God want of his church? How can we be a community of faith so as to serve the Good News and offer to all, the word of life? As we imagine our future together, we are looking for fresh inspiration and new energy. If you have any ideas we invite you to drop them into the box provided at the Synodal Notice board at the back of the church.

### New arrivals at Abbey Bookshop

#### **The meaning is in the Shadows**

by Peter McVerry SJ

Is a collection of writings spanning the career of well known social campaigner Peter McVerry.

#### **Brothers in Arms**

Brendan Mc Manus SJ with James Fullam.  
set out to retrace Ignatius's steps on the newly established Ignatian Camino.

#### **Random Reflections**

By Des O'Donnell's are meant to perplex, challenge, delight and encourage.

Simply open a page at random and dive in.



### World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day 2023 will take place from 1st-6th August in Lisbon, where young people from all over the world will come together for a festival of faith with Pope Francis. The theme for this years WYD chosen by Pope Francis is 'Mary arose and went with haste'. (Luke 1:39)

Source: brief excerpt [www.catholicnews.ie](http://www.catholicnews.ie)



### ONE-DAY SUMMER RETREAT AT GLENSTAL ABBEY

This one-day retreat is offered on Wednesday, 28th June and Thursday, 29th June. Starting at 10am with tea & coffee at registration, the day includes talks, Mass, lunch, Holy Hour (with the option of Confession) and afternoon tea. The retreat ends at 5pm with Vespers at 6pm. Details on the notice board at the back of the church.