



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd July 2023

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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

WELCOME!



TO OUR CHURCH

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



Rewarding Work

The rewards Jesus speaks of in today's gospel do not come quick and clear. If virtue is its own reward, it has to be because often enough it seems to get no other. It's easy to find examples.

A man I knew drank in the same pub for most of our lifetime. Each night he invited himself to travel home in the car of someone more sober than himself - that gave him a wide choice. One of his habitual drivers told me it was always easier to get him into the car than to get him out. The grog worked its wicked will *in via* and **journey's end saw him, well, quite groggy. Disembarking was not a voluntary operation.** By now his limbs were arranged in the manner of a catatonic octopus and shifting him was, as we now say, challenging.

On arrival at the imbibers' home, where his long-suffering mother waited by a dying fire, extra help was sometimes needed for the unloading. To this end one such night our driver noisily roused a young neighbour from sleep. This latter good samaritan had his charitable impulses complicated by a recently-wed wife who as yet was only imperfectly acquainted with the local customs. She registered her protest but the husband pressed on with the corporal work of mercy. Driver and neighbour, healthy men hardened by toil, worked hard to extract our man from **the car. They then carried him to his mother's kitchen lest he freeze to death where they dropped him.**



As they deposited their bundle in the woman's presence she was moved to assign blame and took aim at the good man who had got out of his warm bed to return her son to her, alive if not very well. She began by telling him he should be ashamed of himself. She then declared that he had led her son astray and had callously kept him out until this ungodly hour of night or morning. Her love for her blameless son trumped all facts and there was no use arguing.



Silent retreat was the only course and the newly-wed returned **to his wife and his bed, possibly thinking "virtue is its own reward", or possibly thinking other thoughts in the silence of his charity.**

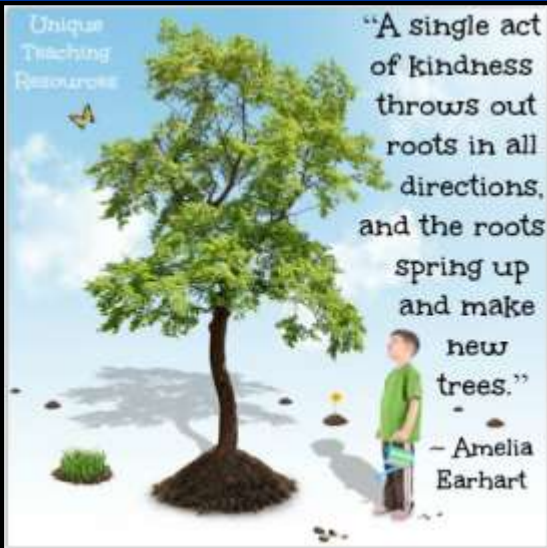
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Thought for the Day

We do have the saying, "goodness is its own reward" and that, no doubt, is true. We don't do good to be rewarded but simply because it is good. At the same time, goodness leads to goodness and kindness inspires kindness. This can be true at the most mundane level: if I am courteous and obliging, say, as a driver, perhaps others on the road will be inspired to be obliging and courteous in their turn. It is even more true at a higher level. Generosity of spirit inspires the same in others.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to be kind and generous in our dealings with others today following the example of Jesus. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings



I sought to hear the voice of God
And climbed the topmost steeple.
But God declared;
'Go down again—
I dwell among the people.'

John Henry Newman

When you see God in everyone ,
Everyone will see God in you.

Anonymous

And be ye kind one to another
Tender-hearted, forgiving one another
Even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you .
Eph 4:32

EVERYDAY



Kindness and generosity raises the need to connect with the people around you, it is more than just a one-day event. The daily greeting, the smile the basic courtesies of each day mean a lot. Even though they are not always returned, keep making those first moves. Ireland becomes a warmer friendlier place and some will be drawn out of their isolation loneliness into the community. Our religion is one of relationships with God and others.

Prayer for Generosity

Lord teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight, and not to heed
the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not
to look for any reward,
Save that of knowing
that I do your holy will.

Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola

Reception of Holy Communion

As on from Monday 3rd July we will return to reception of Communion from the altar as in pre- Covid days.



Lunchtime Concerts St. Mary's Cathedral

Tuesday 4th July
at 1.15pm
Elisabeth Goell (Soprano)
& Irina Dernova (Piano)
Music by Stanford, J. Stephenson
G.A. Osborne, & Charles Wood.