



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th 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



St. Augustine's Church

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Treasure Uncovered

We once lived where there was well-founded fear that thief would reach or moth destroy treasure, depending on which got there first. So, common wisdom advised, as soon as you hit the jackpot you hid it. God alone knows how many and varied **were the means employed to mind the money. That wasn't a thing for trumpeting.**

Carry it secreted on your person? A good way until *thief* graduated to *robber with violence* and then you might lose blood as well as booty. Hide it in the thatch of your roof? Fine until there was a fire, common in bone-dry climate; house would be replaced with neighbourly help but hard-gathered cash would not. Bury it wrapped in oilcloth in a corner of your house? Better. Best protection of all was complete secrecy; if everybody thought you had nothing nobody would try to take it from you. But surprises will come and this one was



nasty: The government decided that too much of the national currency was being kept outside the country—and they'd know. **With decisiveness only military mind** could contemplate, or military might enforce, they decreed that the existing currency was to be replaced in one go. By radio, word of mouth and posters—like the **"Wanted, Dead or Alive" of the old west**—the news was spread that in two weeks time the old notes would be non-negotiable, useless. Consequent activity busied the coming days, and particularly nights. Digging-tools and climbing instruments went to work and many a well was plumbed and many a stone was turned. Even the odd grave showed signs of nocturnal disturbance. Men and women lately counted paupers were espied quietly carrying sacks with no description of contents.

The Decree said take your money to the bank, lodge it and withdraw as you want in new currency. So far so bad, and it got worse. Banks were few and for most **were far away. The first wave of depositors were told you can't lodge money unless** you already have an account. Oh, yes, of course you can open an account as soon **as you bring the necessary documentation and referees, It shouldn't take more than three weeks, but we're very busy now. As hours and days went by the queues** outside, with bundles big and small, grew and grew, and grew rowdy. They snaked across streets and round corners, marshalled and often marked by the whip-wielding soldiers sworn to defend them. They were closely accompanied by a great swarm of moths and thieves and idle ants - touts and chancers who in vigilant lifetimes had never seen prey so plentiful and ripe for the plucking. Fear, suspicion and confusion were fostered and many a lie was told. Deals were done, promises made, influence peddled or pretended and many a small fortune grew smaller, much smaller. Genuine hardworking savers for rainy day and for family need lost nearly everything. The odd miser too was caught. His fortune and his heart that was **in it, were scattered and broken. Have another look at today's gospel. When our** treasure is uncovered what will be seen?

J.L.

Pointers for Prayer

1. Have you ever found yourself saying "that was worth it" after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile? 2. The "kingdom of heaven" is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life? 3. In life, we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven, knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

PRAYER : God of eternal wisdom, you alone impart the gift of right judgement. Grant us an understanding ear, that we may value wisely the treasure of your kingdom and gladly **forgo all lesser gifts to possess that kingdom's incomparable joy. We make our prayer** through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen .

Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings



Outside the Sanctuary

During the summer months in our church, those with a devotional frame of mind see a gleaming monstrance on the high altar. Others see a brilliant sunrise radiating colour into lake waters. I like to think that the presence of God can be found in both. Too often we imprison the divine in predictable shapes and places but the God of surprises can speak to us through a butterfly. The Scriptures say something about the touch of God in a gentle breeze. God whispers his love in the rustling of green leaves and the sunshine, all his created gifts.



Light the Fire

On August 6th Archbishop Eamon Martin Primate of All Ireland will relight the fire on the hill of Slane that was lit by St. Patrick many years ago. He will be joined by Sr. Briege Mc. Kenna, Dana and Fr. Pablo. There will be Holy Mass, rosary and a Eucharistic healing service on the day.

This is a unique and monumental event. It is an opportunity for each of us to shine our light and witness to our faith in a joyful and spiritually uplifting celebration.

More details on the notice board at the back of the church.

Source: Parish Notes



FEASTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 31st July

St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Founder of the Society of Jesus.

Tuesday 1st August

St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the church. Founder of the Redemptorist Congregation.

Friday 4th August

St. John Mary Vianney, priest

In 1817 he was sent to Ars , a small French village where he spent many hours a day in the confessional.

Saturday 5th August

The dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Sunday July 30th

Grandparents Day
Making Memories

Barnagh
Greenway
Hub
Newcastle
West



Join us to celebrate the wonderful grandparents in our lives.

Source: [what's on in limerick .ie](http://what's_on_in_limerick.ie)