



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August 2023

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The Jesus Boat and Barque of Peter

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

Peter disregarded all Health and Safety regulations and best practice of any kind when he stepped out of a boat into a stormy sea in the dark. Some reports claim he **was not even wearing a flotation suit. Don't try it at your local lake.**

The remains of an ancient boat was found in the mud of the Sea of Galilee in 1986 by two fishermen brothers. Science tells us it belongs to the 1st century A.D. Signs that it was repaired again and again in ancient days show it was used for several decades, perhaps a full century. So it was a working boat when Jesus was crossing the Lake time and again, and when his friends were fishing there. Fish is what Jesus and his people ate any time, by net, hook or by crook, they could get one out of the sea of Galilee. That's where Jesus walks in today's gospel. The rabbis said "Although God has created seven seas, yet he has chosen this one as his special delight." In



truth it is, compared with the oceans of the world, only a drop of water; not a sea at all but a small lake formed as the Jordan river runs through a little basin.

I don't know when the Church was first called the barque (boat) of Peter but St Anselm called it that nearly a thousand years ago. I suppose you could say it now bears some resemblance with the aforementioned Jesus Boat: it shows evidence of **frequent repair and of needing more; there's a fair bit of mud stuck to it and in it.** Some of the sailors turned bad and others jumped ship for varied reasons. Many of the officer class too have been no better than they should be. On top of all that there are those who live ashore and use megaphones to entice more sailors to desert. **There's even the most modern of devices, a website www.countmeout.ie to entice you over the side.**

Anselm said that the Barque of the Church may be Swept by the Waves, but it can never sink, because Christ is there. When the Church is in Greatest Need, Christ comes to its help by Miracles, or by raising-up Saints to Strengthen and Purify it. It is the Barque of Peter; when the Storm threatens to Sink it, the Lord awakens from His Sleep, and Commands the Winds and Waters into **Calm. That's a consoling** take on things when we get the sinking feeling.

And Jesus did turn himself into a flotation suit so that the floundering Peter would not drown.

J.L.



St. Augustine's Church

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Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Mr. John Doyle



Thought for the Day

“Do not be afraid” is one of those expressions which goes straight to the heart. Who has not sometimes been afraid? The command not to fear combines two things: firstly, it is a recognition that yes, sometimes we are afraid; secondly, it proclaims that in the community of faith, with Jesus, God-with-us, our companion on the way, we ought really to be free from deep fear, because “all shall be well.” Let us hear again the words, “Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.”



Prayer: Lord, save us when circumstances seem to overwhelm us, when we cannot see our way forward, when we find ourselves sinking. Take us by the hand and lead to the open space of freedom and confidence in you.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings

Novena to Our Lady of Knock

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from the 14th—22nd August with ceremonies taking place at 3pm and 8pm in the Knock Basilica. There will also be daily workshops at 12noon in the Novena Village . The theme for the novena this year is ‘Caring for Creation’.

Over the course of the Novena there will be guest speakers each day who will offer insights on a variety of topics, from personal faith stories to how we are responding to a changing world. There will be a Family Day on Sunday 20th Aug. **from 11am –3pm.** More details on the notice board at the back of the church. Source: knockshrine.ie

Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday 15th August

Holy Day

Mass Times

7.30am, 8.30am,

10.15am, 1.00pm

& 4.00pm

Extra Mass 1.00pm



GROW

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ALONE

‘Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie or for further information please email caroline.bradley@alone.ie

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.’

National
Heritage
Week
12-20 August

Each year national and local communities participate in Heritage Week by organising events throughout the country. This year National Heritage Week takes place from the 12th –20th August. It brings together volunteers, community groups and heritage enthusiasts to share their experience, knowledge culture and practices. **This year’s theme invites you to explore the traditions** and practices, knowledge and skills passed down through generations. The programme of events taking place in Limerick and county can be found at discoverlimerick.ie

Source: what's on in limerick.ie

