



Season of Creation

### 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



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# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th September 2023

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## By the Skin of our Feet

(Matt.18)

When something gets stuck in the spokes of the getaway bicycle and the fellow who has just snatched your handbag is propelled over the handlebars into the muck your heart lifts a bit. That's human nature. The pompous getting his come-uppance used to be the staple of popular comedy. (Aside: That has in recent years been replaced by an artiste on stage roaring out common obscenities to applause from the paying and drinking, if not necessarily thinking, patrons). You know the traditional style: The pompous lord and master lecturing his underlings and striding away with great dignity only to tread on a garden rake whose handle promptly smote him on the nose. Or the old headmaster making a great speech on dignified and decent dress while unwittingly displaying the split in his own trousers.

If laughter is the best medicine, the banana has probably contributed more to human health through its skin than its potassium. You can't beat a good fall, someone else's good fall, for a laugh. As long as no one is seriously hurt, my religion compels me to add. "Downfalls" are the source of most news reporting whether by typewriter, TV or Twitter. Nothing attracts readers, viewers or listeners like a scandal involving a "celebrity" - priest, police or politician, star of sport or screen or stage, anybody of prominence. In any case the fall of others is a matter of enduring interest to us, whether for reasons of laughter or indignation.



I see in today's gospel that Jesus may have shared some of this interest, not surprising if he was like us in most things. The story he made up gives us opportunity for a good laugh and a good indignant rant. A blackguard puffed up with his own importance was forgiven a mountain of debt but then refused to forgive a poor devil who owed him a few pence. Strangled him and put him in jail. No wonder we laugh when he trod on the skin of the biggest banana skin that ever grew in the Garden of Eden. Of course the laughter may peter out quickly enough if we reali we're laughing at ourselves. "Forgive us our trespasses in the same way that we forgive those who offend us.

J.L.



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O Creator God, in this month of creation time, teach us to see your footprints in the beauty of creation. Help us to listen to the voice of creation, inspire us to respect the rights of all people, and all living species to share in your gifts today and to be always mindful of those who come after us. Lord, we pray that we may gain a deeper appreciation of the beauty and diversity of all that you have created. As we journey through our Synodal process, help us to also listen to the voice of creation, to acknowledge how deeply interconnected we are with each other and with the natural world. Lord, on this Sunday – day of rest and recreation - we give thanks for the faith we celebrate in your Son, the Risen Jesus Christ, who has inspired us to gather in thanksgiving and praise.

Source: Liturgy resources for season of creation /[www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)



## Culture Night 2023

Limerick Culture Night 2023 will take place this year on Friday 22nd September with venues and public spaces across Limerick opening their doors to host a programme of free late-night entertainment as part of an all-island celebration of arts, heritage and culture. Culture Night is always great fun and offers the perfect opportunity for us as a region to showcase the wealth of culture that Limerick has to offer.

More info at [www.culturenightlimerick.ie](http://www.culturenightlimerick.ie)



Praise Him sun and moon  
Praise Him all you shining stars  
Praise Him you highest heavens  
And you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord  
For he commanded and they were created  
And he established them for ever and ever.  
He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Psalms 148: 3-6

## Jazz Festival



Limerick City will host this September the Limerick Jazz Festival from Sept 20th—24th at various venues.

The Festival proudly presents some of the finest local, national and international Jazz Musicians.

For more info and listings go to [www.limerickjazzfestival.com](http://www.limerickjazzfestival.com)

## Early Arrival at the Abbey Bookshop

For those of you who like to follow the readings at daily Mass and those in the ministry of Reading the Word at Mass **God's Word 2024** is now available in the Abbey Bookshop.

In this book you will find the readings for each day, response to the Psalms, reflections, and prayers. St. Ambrose said: "We speak to God when we pray; we listen to Him when we read the Scriptures,"

The treasure of the Scriptures brings us closer to God, and the simple format of **God's Word 2024** makes it accessible and engaging to all.



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**Thurs 21st Sept**