



The Lord
is my
Shepherd

St. Augustine's Church Limerick

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th October 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

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



Wedding Woes

A priest I know was in a town not far from Dublin to rehearse the next day's wedding. As he waited the mother of the bride was busy with flowers. The long-serving local parish priest came in to chat. It was all amiable until the P.P. remarked "I'd rather a funeral." There was no ill-will there, but ill-judgement there was. He was referring only to the amount of work demanded of him by the respective ceremonies. But his words detonated the lady. Her reaction shook him badly. She attributed to him the wish that her dear daughter be dead rather than wed. Then she moved on to a trenchant critique of his fifteen years in the parish, enumerating crimes he never adverted to in his most rigorous examinations of conscience. It was a lesson in the kind of thing you should never say to a parishioner, particularly to a lady high on the drug of her daughter's wedding, the most important event in the history of the world. He chose neither words nor time well. Still, I think I know "where he was coming from." He was veteran or survivor of more weddings than he could remember and for him some of them weren't undiluted pleasure. With funerals much of the heavy lifting, re. times and punctuality, is done by the undertaker and it's done in days. Not always but in many instances, a wedding is much more free-form. Getting the couple to focus on the documentation demanded by state and church paves the previous months. Many may be the appointments and disappointments involved. That done, we move on to the Day. It will surely be long and probably loud. He can't be late though everybody else can. He can't be cross if the church is turned into a raucous school-outing while the wait for the bride drags on. He can't be put off his game by the hard-chaws pals who may lob witticisms in the direction of the nervous groom as he makes his more or less solemn vows. He plods through his prepared homily determined not to die for lack of the oxygen of interest. On it goes. Then the photographs, hours of intense activity to which there is nothing or no-one so irrelevant as himself. But he can't stand down because he has to say Grace at whatever hour the celebrants and guests reconvene from bars, bedrooms, bookies and God knows where. Then to the meal where our old man is seated beside someone lubricated well past the recommended upper level on the dipstick. Or, worse, maybe with his own liquor sloshing near the same mark. And the speeches are still to come before escape is thought decent.

Of course most weddings are not like that; I'm only surmising on the reason why that parish priest said what he said while misjudging his audience.

Jesus has a story today of an eventful wedding. The first invitees sent their excuses. Father of the groom took that badly: executed them, no less, and torched their town! Among the second batch there was one not properly dressed. He paid dearly too: handcuffed and shackled and thrown out into the dark. This wedding too wasn't undiluted pleasure for everyone. The roughest of stuff. It's a tall tale to tell a truth..

The relationship of love and life signposted by the ideal wedding is the relationship God desires with us. Deliberately to ignore or disrespect the invitation or blatantly to decline it is a course that won't end well. Like preferring darkness to light. J.L.

Diocesan Liturgy Day

Saturday 11th November in St Munchin's College



diocese of limerick
OUR COMMONS OUR FUTURE

Keynote Address: Synodality as a Fundamental Aspect of Christian Liturgy by Prof Thomas O'Loughlin

Thomas O'Loughlin is Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology at the University of Nottingham and Director of Studia Traditionis Theologiae and Brepols Library of Christian Sources.

Four Parallel Workshops

each workshop is offered twice

(i) 'A Time to be Creative: Liturgy and the Recovery of a Sacred Playfulness'
Workshop led by Mossy Hynan, Lay Pastoral Minister.



ii) 'Revitalising liturgical music in our parishes'

Workshop led by Riona Ní Churtáin, Musician, Teacher, and Performer.



(iii) 'Children's Liturgy through Godly Play'

Workshop led by Sharon Collopy, Lay Pastoral Minister & trained Godly Play Storyteller



(iv) 'Praying with Young People'

Workshop led by Gráinne Delaney, Catechist, Crescent College Deputy Principal & former Chaplain & Author.

The day will begin at 11am and finish with Mass at 5:30pm. A light lunch will be provided.

Cost for the day: €25 including lunch and materials. Registration is essential, please register your place and choose your workshops at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DiocesanLiturgyDay>

Blood Donor Clinic

Greenhills Hotel Caherdavin Ennis Rd.
on Monday 16th Oct & Tuesday 17th
from 16.20pm—19.40pm



Clinics by appointment only
contact

1800 222111

To book your appointment

Let Nothing Disturb You

Let nothing disturb you,
let nothing frighten you,
all things will pass away.

God never changes;
patience obtains all things,
whoever has God lacks nothing.

God alone suffices. Amen.

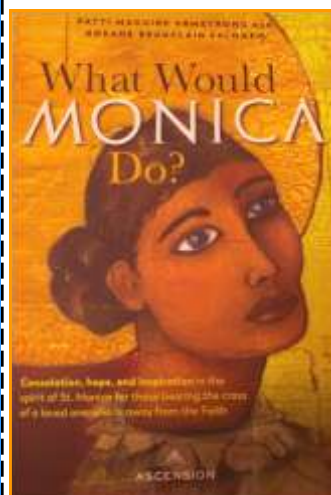
St. Teresa of Avila Feast Sunday 15th October



University Maternity Hospital
Limerick
Annual Remembrance
Service
Sunday 5th November At 3pm
Church of the Holy Rosary
Ennis Road
Remembering our babies
today & always



New Arrival at the Abbey Bookshop



What Would
MONICA Do?

Consolation, hope, and
inspiration in the spirit of
St. Monica for those bearing
the cross of a loved one
who is away from the faith.

Patti Maguire Armstrong &
Roxane Beauclair Salonen

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are really happy to say our Christmas shoeboxes are back again this year. You can start filling your boxes over the next few weeks and you will find the necessary leaflets for your boxes at the back of the church. When filled you can drop them into St. Augustine's Pastoral Office (Blue door outside between railings) or the bookshop where they will be picked up and brought to the warehouse. From all the team, and the children who receive your shoeboxes thank you, we really appreciate you!

