



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th November 2023

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November: One Foot out of the Grave

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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Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.

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We want you to be quite certain about those who have diedGod will bring them with him. (1 Thess 4:13:14)

In "*The Weaver's Grave*" Seamus O'Kelly paints a picture of the cemetery of Cloon na Morav: "

The ground was billowy, grotesque. Several partially suppressed insurrections—a great thirsting, worming, pushing, and shouldering under the sod—had given it character. A long tough growth of grass wired it from end to end. Nature, by this effort, endeavouring to control the strivings of the more daring of the insurgents of Cloon na Morav"

(We all knew those graveyards before city or county councils told us to be buried in straight lines in flat fields, or else go up in smoke and away on the wind).

O'Kelly had in mind a common acceptance that the inhabitants of graves were dead, but in a way alive—capable of "insurrection" that could change the shape of things. Whistling past the graveyard is a metaphor for someone pretending to take lightly what cannot be taken lightly, and feeling uncomfortable at it: the common cocktail of anxiety and bravado. An unexpected sound from a graveyard at night has inspired many a high jump record or personal best in the short sprint. The sound of a dog, escaped from a shed, dragging his tethering chain along a country road on a dark night had power to convince the most sceptical of an otherworld, indeed it may have precipitated a transition or two across that hard border via fright-induced coronary.

Graveyards were important in a way that nowhere else was important. They were holy, containing the long past and longer future of all of us. Still, nobody is in a hurry to take up permanent residence there. (A story of our young days told of a local pub discussion after the evening session of a parish mission. The preacher had posed the question *If you knew you were going to die tomorrow morning, what would you be doing tonight?*" The deep thinkers and deep drinkers batted the question around among themselves. There was no consensus and they put it to a lone drinker who was not of their company—the imperative of inclusivity hadn't yet reached us. This man said he had no interest in knowing when he would die but he'd love to know where, so that he could keep well away from that place).

Jesus was in no hurry to the cemetery at Bethany, he let days pass before going near Lazarus's grave. The calendar of graveyard events differs from that outside the walls. The clocks going an hour back or forward couldn't matter less to the occupants. Bethany and the Potter's Field, Mount St Lawrence and Mount St Oliver are all of a kind. Lazarus, the son of the widow, Jairus's daughter, our parents and ourselves are, like the tenants of Cloon na Morav, all aspiring insurgents. Today's readings and our yearly focus in November tell us that this Cloon is a field not to be forgotten.



Thought for the Day

To engage with today's readings, it might be helpful to go back in your own mind to someone in your life whom you regard as really wise. When did you become aware of it? Have you benefitted from it? If someone were to ask how would you recognise wisdom and what are its marks, what would you say? Have you learned from your encounters with wise people? Do you desire wisdom for yourself? Perhaps as parent or friend or family member or colleague. Do you nourish your hunger (!) for the qualities and attitudes which we associate with people who have learned from life?

PRAYER All-wise and loving God, the desire for you lies deep within us. Awaken us to the quest for true wisdom that by being true to ourselves we may come home to you, the source of all wisdom. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday Readings

Remembering

During the month of November people love to light candles of hope and remembrance for their loved ones. A flame keeps vigil for them and for their grief. A light shines into dark lonely places in the heart. It carries the promise of Resurrection and re-union. Those who have no words for the pain might like to use the following "candle prayer" of remembrance.

"I light this candle for my loved ones,
to renew my memories of them,
to give me the strength to cope with grief and the pain of loss.
Take—(name)—into the embrace of your love and peace. Amen



You are invited to write the name(s) of your deceased loved ones in the Remembrance Book or place their name on the remembrance board provided at the back of the church.

FEASTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 14th November

St. Laurence O'Toole, Bishop

Wednesday 15th November

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Thursday 16th November

St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Gertrude—Benedictine Nun

Friday 17th November

St. Elizabeth of Hungary



DIOCESE OF LIMERICK
VOCATIONS OFFICE

THEOLOGY ON TAP

7:30PM @ FENNESSY'S PUB

TIM COLLINS

Vocation Story: finding meaning
and purpose in a crazy world

FINGER FOOD PROVIDED

Contact Vocations@limerickdiocese.org
for more information

'Making Room in the Inn'

Silent Retreat with Eucharist & Reconciliation

Saturday, December 2nd, 10.30am to 5pm

Hope Peace Joy Love



Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre,
St. Munchin's, Corbally, V94 9250

Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Ann Mulcahy

SHOEBOX REMINDER!

Reminder you still have time to return your shoeboxes so hurry and drop them into the Abbey Bookshop or the Pastoral Office.



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