



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 4th February 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
3pm Mass of the Sick

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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Hope Between A Hard Place and a Rock

A matchmaker introduced Peig Sayers of Dunquin to the "sound and honest" man Job of Uz. They met in Lisdoonvarna to let nature take its course. To judge by their conversation (Job's contribution is our first reading today), the meeting didn't give either much of a lift. They weren't at their most cheerful that day. Loquacious Peig started the ball rolling:

P. There was always misfortune down on my parents that kept them low. In the heel of the hunt my poor mother didn't even have the desire to live.

J. Life on earth is no more than hired drudgery.

P. No pen can describe what I suffered and endured. I needed a heart of stone to be able to endure it.

J. Like a slave sighing for the shade or the workman with no thought but his wages.

P. 'Twould be a bad place for you that wouldn't be better than this dreadful rock.

J. Months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own except nights of grief.

P. I have dragged my way through life suffering torment and sorrow and it's little comfort I knew during the whole of my days.

J. Lying on my bed I wonder when will it be day. When I get up I can't wait for evening. Restless, I fret till twilight falls.

P. If a woman has ever been born who has gone through the same share of troubles that I have, you can be certain she had more than enough to contend with.

J. Quicker than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

P. We wouldn't have minded the hardship of life but for the fact that death was gathering his strength behind it.

J. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

P. He who starts out with hardship as a comrade remains in its company. The like of us will never be here again: we'll be stretched out quietly and the old world will have vanished.

Job and Peig went their separate ways without ever getting to the point of "would you like to keep your shoes under my bed?" They weren't at their most cheerful that day but hope, the quickening virtue, hadn't died. Job came around to say to God

"I knew you then only by hearsay but now, having seen you with my own eyes I take back all I have said."

And Peig, despite the béal bocht leaning, never felt far from God:

"I remember when my heart was broken with sorrow I'd turn my thoughts on Mary and on the Lord I'd take my little canvass sheet and face for the hill for a bit of turf and on the road home the weight on my heart would have lifted. God's Son and his Glorious Mother are true friends." J.L

Thought for the Day

Which of us is not in need of some kind of healing? The healing touch of Jesus reaches out to all in need: the physically ill, the mentally disturbed, the addicts, the bereaved, the lonely, the distraught, the stressed, the sinners. He desires our well-being, that we might be fully alive and experience life in abundance.

Prayer I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16–19)

Source: www.tarsus.ie. Sunday readings

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