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1316 - 1633

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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St. Augustine's Church Limerick 30th June 2024 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Our Woke Agenda

Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead but asleep. (Mark 5:39)

I wasn't long in a my first parish when I and my little pick-up were hijacked by a dozen or fifteen wailing women on their way to a wake. I didn't understand what it was about at the time and it was a bit disturbing experience one so delicately reared. They flagged me down on the road. I didn't feel very compliant but I'd sooner defy the guards of Alcatraz. With a grim determination far beyond the norm in that polite place, and without a by-your-leave to me, they piled in behind me. A young lad loitering nearby told me they were going to a "death-party", a wake, about seven miles along a road I had had no intention of travelling. There was nothing for it except drive on. As soon as I did so, the wailing restarted, and rose mile by mile. Near the house of the dead I was commanded to stop. Before I could do this my passengers alighted, i.e. jumped out of the pick-up, all suddenly silent. But it was only a quiet interval to fix wrappers and head-dresses and get into a marching order properly respecting rank and seniority. Then with piercing ululation they advanced the last few hundred yards to where the circle of the bereaved sat in quiet dignity. Silence again before word and gesture conveyed condolence and consolation. The old formulas of sympathy common everywhere were proffered: well-meant, well-sent and well-received.

Later I noticed that this form of communal mourning, or solidarity with mourners, could be switched on and off as required. This wasn't insincerity but the accepted way of aligning with the pain of the bereaved. Real sympathy.

The *Dublin Penny Journal* of January 1833 deals with the Irish equivalent: "The learned Jezreel Jones declares 'the Shilhenses have the same custom as the Arabs, the Jews, the Irish, of lamenting over the dead using various cries of grief, tearing their hair, and asking the deceased why did he die and leave them.'" Giraldus Cambrensis, 12th c., was more specific "The keeners rehearsed the genealogy, rank, and property of the deceased and a number of interrogations were addressed to the dead: why did he die? Was his wife faithful to him? Were his sons dutiful, good hunters or warriors? If the deceased was female were her daughters fair and chaste? If a young man, had he been crossed in love or had the blue-eyed maidens of Erin treated him with scorn?"

The arrival of Jesus at a wake must have come to be a cause of great speculation, or hope. Hadn't he been late for Lazarus's wake but still managed to put quite a different slant on it. And the only son of a widow of Nain was being carried away from his wake when Jesus arrived on the scene and, instead of taking off his cap and blessing himself, said Get Up.

And today's gospel has Jesus cut through the people *weeping and wailing unrestrainedly* who turned their keening into bitter laughter at his life-affirming words *she's not dead but asleep*. Soon enough they could neither laugh nor cry, being *overcome with astonishment*.

His presence, even at a wake, was always redolent of life over death, wakefulness over sleep. **J.L.**

Thought for the Day

We may miss the shock factor in both stories today. Given the strict rules surrounding ritual purity, it was unprecedented that a woman with some kind of gynaecological complaint should actually touch a man. Conversely, Jesus touched a corpse, also strictly forbidden and entailing ritual impurity. Both acted courageously and against the established tradition for the sake of something greater.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to know when to reach out, when to touch and welcome the excluded. Help us to know when to set aside received practices which hinder the Gospel in our day. May this woman's example gives us courage!

Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday Readings

Providing compassionate care at the end of life

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video *Through the Valley*, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life.

Source: Parish Notes

To read *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* and to watch *Through the Valley*, visit the following link <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

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Rally for Life 2024

Saturday 6th July

1.30pm Parnell Square, Dublin

Bus details on the Notice Board at the back
of the church.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2024

CELEBRATING THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS OF THE ELDERLY

THEME: 'DO NOT CAST ME OFF IN MY OLD AGE' (cf. Psalm 71:9)

Sunday 28 July 2024



Principal Celebrant:

Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio to Ireland will lead the pilgrimage and the celebration of the fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine.

Choirs and Music at the Mass: The combined choirs of Knock Parish directed by Una Nolan, Director of Music at Knock Shrine.

'Lads of Knock' song by Denis.

Children's Prayer Appeal: Inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents and send it to CGA Knock Shrine.

Schedule for the day:

2:30pm: Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica.

3:00pm: Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary Procession.

Options may vary with your local parish.

Plenary Indulgences granted for the occasion

For more details on the program call 01454 840100 or visit www.knockshrine.ie or visit www.catholicbishops.ie Telephone: +353 0034 950 0000