



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 7th July 2024 14th 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

We Know Where He Comes From

(And they would not accept him. Mark 6:4)

I wasn't in the room at the time and can't swear that this is true but I wasn't far away either and others who were nearer still, believed it. A priest was newly ordained. That he was well-connected was attested by the gifts he got, rich in a poor enough place. Soon it was time for his first posting. This invariably consisted of a spell with a more experienced pastor to learn the ropes. After a short holiday he answered the bishop's invitation to come in and settle the matter. The bishop told his young guest that he was sending him to a parish where Fr X had been in charge for a few years and things were going well; it was a busy place and badly in need of a second man. You'd have to be struck by the self-esteem revealed in the new man's response: "My Lord, will I be in charge?" His Lordship wasn't expecting this but recovered his footing sufficiently to say, "Fr X will continue in charge, he's been there five years and is loved by the parishioners. He knows the place well and will be able to guide you while you find your feet in a new place." "My Lord", the young man said, "that's not possible. I am of a royal family and his family are *****." (To protect the innocent, particularly myself, I will not go further here).

The story reminds us of something we know very well: personal prejudices and preconceptions colour how we listen to someone, or do not listen, what we think them capable of, or not. As far as I know we're all prone to some such slanted view. Words coming from one person can make a very favourable impression on us while the same words from another would leave us unmoved. We expect different of different people even though we may not know them at all. Granted, we have to start from somewhere and often we must start from a position of prejudice: before we really learn anything about people we've likely heard something about them and that paints our picture. Our prejudice, whether benign or malign, may possibly be confirmed by the facts. The problem arises when the facts contradict our prejudice; when they show our picture to be false or inadequate but we still hang onto it. It's hard to change.

Stories of snobbery and prejudice can be amusing because they expose comic self-deception in the self-important human being. But if the stories are often funny the reality of prejudice is powerful. How powerful? It stopped Jesus: "He could work no miracle there." today's gospel says. Multiply that by millions in all times and places and you have a lot of wrong-headedness, a lot of good blocked and undone.

J.L.



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Thought for the Day

Familiarity breeds...well, sometimes blindness. We do need familiarity—we couldn't be working things out for the first time all of the time. What is regular and known can help us get on with the day or the job or the relationship. But there are times—we all have them —when sheer familiarity impedes our understanding and prevents our encounter with the new, the different and the radical. Our case is, perhaps, the diametric opposite of that of the people of Nazareth. Our too comfortable faith familiarity with Jesus can hinder us from seeing the radical, the new, the disturbing. Sometimes a bit of defamiliarisation would be good for us!!

Prayer : Lord, take away dull familiarity and shake us up that we may ask ourselves honestly, "Who then is this?" Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday Readings

*"Go forward securely, joyfully, and swiftly,
on the path of prudent happiness"*

(Second Letter of St. Clare)

Lord, I am often filled with fear when
I think of the future,
Haunted by past mistakes and hurts,
and I feel paralysed.
I surrender it all to you now
and trust you to take of it.
You are the One who makes all things new,
With you I will go forward, securely
and joyfully into freedom.
Amen.

Source: In the Spirit of St. Clare, Daily Reflections



Lord make me know your ways,
Lord teach me your paths

Psalm 25: 4

Limerick Wild Geese Festival Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th July

Limerick Bastille Day Wild Geese Festival is back for its sixth consecutive year. It commemorates the historical episode of the flight of The Wild Geese and celebrates the long standing friendship between Ireland and France. The festival features a wide range of events and activities for all ages including live music, and entertainment, street art and public talks, historical re-enactments, walking tours and exhibitions.

Source: limerick.ie/discover whats-on /festivals

Saturday 6th July: The Hunt Museum Garden, 1pm –4pm an afternoon of live music, dance, historical re-enactments and a barbecue in partnership with the Hunt Museum Café!

Sunday 7th July : 2pm from King Johns Castle join a joyful and colourful procession led by the re-enactors of En Garde to the United Nations Peace Garden in front of St. Marys Cathedral, on time for the ceremony being held there. The Curraghgower Singers will also perform during the flag raising ceremony. More details of events on the notice board at the back of the church. Source : Festival Programme

Lunchtime Concerts St. Mary's Cathedral



Tuesday 9th July at 1.15pm

Pilar Paradela (Harp)

in association with the Spanish Embassy

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock

will take place on Sunday 21st July.
Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic
Blessing and Procession to the Shrine.

Pioneers along with friends and
relations of people who are living
"one day at a time" with addiction
are welcome.