



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 18th August 2024 20th 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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All in Sport?

The Summer Olympics won't come around for another four years. So, just in case, I'll have my say now.

I recently read the memoir of Jim Hogan/Cregan the great distance runner from Croom/Athlaca. It's titled "*The Irishman who Ran for England*." He represented Ireland at Tokyo in '64 and Great Britain in Mexico in '68. The hosts, proud to show off aspects of their culture, took Jim and others to see a bullfight in Mexico City. Jim was always his own man and his feelings didn't run with the crowd. He was disgusted. What he saw was a tortured and weakening animal being taunted by fancily-dressed fellows in buckled boots, tight trousers and foppish waistcoats. And thousands of onlookers baying like hounds on the hunt. In this instance the bull managed a last lunge and tossed his tormentor into the air to come back to earth, as Jim says, "stone-dead." Jim surprised his hosts and the *aficionados* by jumping out of his seat to shout "Three cheers for the bull." He wasn't rejoicing in the matador's fate, whatever it was, but expressing abhorrence at the cruelty to the animal.

The recent Paris Games could claim to be the greatest show on earth and Ireland's team played a significant part in it. You couldn't but admire the dedication, skill and courage of all who represented us there. Well-deserved plaudits fly thick and fast at the various home-comings.

Now the awkward bit: while admiring the practitioners we shouldn't in every case admire what they practice. I'm thinking of BOXING. Like many immature youngsters of the time we were boxing fans from a safe distance early in life. I recall the 3 a.m. radio commentary in 1956 as Floyd Patterson beat Archie Moore for the heavyweight title vacant since Rocky Marciano's retirement. We were aware, through Joe Sherwood's *In The Soup* columns in the *Evening Press*, of A.J. Liebling whose book on boxing was named the greatest sports book of all time by the authoritative *Sports Illustrated*. With grotesque inaccuracy the book was titled *The Sweet Science*. The Bible of boxing, Nat Fleischer's *Ring* magazine, was available in Sheehan's bookshop and in a rare month the budget might stretch to getting a copy.

Boxing is brutal. Maybe the advent of estimable characters like Katie Taylor and Kellie Harrington inoculated it against examination and criticism in Ireland. Maybe looking too closely is heresy. Whatever the case, it's hard to understand how it stands so high, with boxers now proposed by both politically correct and incorrect as great role models for the young. Health and Safety, we thought, rule now. Redress, insurance, accountability and compensation are priorities for all right thinkers. Nevertheless, boxers are role models! Yes, boxers whose success is measured by how often and how hard they can punch someone else - preferably to the face. Merit points are allotted for hitting and nothing for missing. Even in the rough game of rugby today an accidental blow to the head can get one player expelled from the game and the other taken away for stringent tests and fit-to-return-to-play protocols.

Amateur boxers are disciplined people, their clubs are great social amenities for neighbourhoods. But putting someone on a moral pedestal for punching the head of somebody else is puzzling.

One boxer did gain some insight in Paris: Angela Carini was fighting Imane Khelif. After taking a punch to the face in the first 30 seconds Carini went to the corner and gave up ... "It could have been the match of a lifetime, but I had to preserve my life" she later explained. Well said, Angela.

Jim Hogan didn't like seeing a bull tortured. But watching young people battering each other is fun?

J.L.

Upcoming Feast Days

Monday 19th : St. John Eudes, Priest.
Tuesday 20th : St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the church.
Wednesday 21st : St. Pius X, Pope
Thursday 22nd: The Queenship of Mary
Friday 23rd: St. Rose of Lima, and St. Eugene, bishop
Saturday 24th : St. Bartholomew, Apostle.

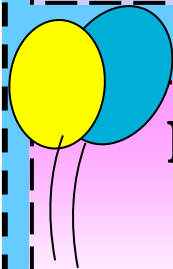
St. Augustine's Church

Mass for the Holy Souls

every Monday at 10.15am

Novena to Our Mother of Good Counsel

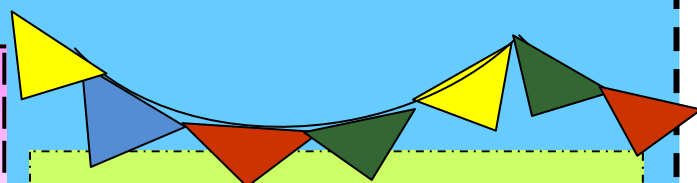
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National Heritage Week 17th -25th August

National Heritage Week is a nine day celebration of Ireland's natural built, and cultural heritage. Each year national and local community organisations participate by organising a host of free events throughout the country. The theme for this year invites you to explore the ways we are connected to each other through physical or cultural connections.

For more information go to—
limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/festivals/national-heritage-week-2024



Limerick Show Sunday 25th August Limerick Racecourse

Live music , food village, markets, kids zone, dog show and lots more...

limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/festivals/limerick-show-2024

Tickets available online or at the gate.

Connections to Nature and Wellbeing

Connections to Nature and Wellbeing via the Infinity Woodland Pathway will take place on Tuesday 20th August from 7pm to 9:30pm.

The event will be connecting citizens to nature, walking the route of the infinity Woodland Pathway reaching out to the local parish grounds. Providing an opportunity for all age groups to network, poets, naturalists, musicians, local community, Milford Care Centre residents and staff, other pastoral groups within the Diocese aiming to provide 30% of church grounds to nature by 2030 etc.

General outline of the event

Meet Outdoors at the Little Company of Mary Infinity Woodland Pathway

18:45 – Music on arrival.

19:00 - Introduction by Sr Brigid of the Little Company of Mary

19:05 - Recitation – “When I am among the Trees” by Mary Oliver

19:10 – Guided walk through the Infinity Woodland Pathway with John Le Gear this will include poetry recitations

20:00 – Attitude of Gratitude – “Litany of Thanks for Trees” (Author Unknown) will bring the Infinity Woodland Pathway walk to an end.

20:05 – Walk to Milford Parish Church Grounds for an introduction to their 30% by 2030 Biodiversity Initiative

20:30 – Tea and Talk in the John Bosco Centre 5 minute walk from the Infinity Woodland Path – Music on arrival

(Little Company of Mary's Infinity Woodland Pathway, Little Company of Mary (beside Milford Care Centre, Castletray).