

**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY**  
20th  
October  
2024

**St. Augustine's Church  
Limerick**  
**20th October 2024**  
**29th 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



### **St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.**

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.  
Fr. John Lyng O.S.A.  
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Ms Charlotte Gleeson  
Mr. John Doyle



## Limerick Signposts on the Mission Road

When home from foreign places we were expected to help with fund-raising. "Preaching for the missions" could be tricky. People and priests were welcoming and generous. But what line should you take? Affect too much humility you left them thinking you were doing nothing but wasting their money. Boast and they'd see through you. Tell interesting stories? Better stories were better told every night on the telly. In any case you were expected to plunder the pews. I never got the hang of it.

But my first journey in Nigeria and the places we passed through would remind you that the ties between there and here were strong. It was a route dotted with Limerick signposts. I'd landed in Maiduguri where the bishop was Tadhg Cotter of Abbeyfeale. He mentioned in passing, again and again and again, that he had won a Limerick county football championship (with Fr Casey's?) during his first holiday from Nigeria. That would be in the late forties. Larry Lyons of Tynagh who'd hurled minor for Galway was Augustinian Superior then. He would take me some way towards the appointed, to me unknown, destination. In Larry's VW Beetle we bounced along the corrugated dirt road past a site being readied for the first university in that quarter of the big country. Soon a beacon in the Dept of English Literature there, as well as pastor of a gathering Catholic community, was a man from near Kilmallock, Fr Dominic Daly OSA. His mother had taught in Castletown for forty years.

Martin Crean from out St Munchin's way was in charge of the next place we passed through. Martin brought his home county with him wherever he went. I was to see the Limerick flag, team photos and other identifiers decorate the walls of his living spaces in many places. Even when Limerick hurling frustration was immortalized, or fossilized, in Henry Martin's *Unlimited Heartbreak* the devotion did not grow cold. The deluge of winners' trophies raining down on Limerick in recent years must surely have mended that broken heart.

We passed trough Bazza parish, run then and for a quarter of a century by a great man, John O'Connor of Banogue. He was assisted by his "curate", Pastor Peter who stuck with his mission until he was murdered by Boko Haram fundamentalists forty years later. That's a story for another day.

At Mubi my driver handed me over to Tim Walsh of Ballylanders with instructions to take me on another 150 miles or so. Tim was a man who loved Limerick but worked in environments from Californian city to African village. He was happy in all of them because, he'd say, "people are the same everywhere." (Before we part from Larry, as a self-indulgent little aside, I note that my recent ordination had brought benefits of an economic kind and I was better off than ever before. Unfortunately, while wealth had come with ordination wisdom had not and I told Larry I was carrying money. The preferred assault weapon then was Obedience to the Boss and Larry returned me to my natural state of poverty). It was in Mubi we parted, Larry, my money and me.

By some tortuous messaging Tim made contact with my unsuspecting but designated mentor Ray Hickey, son of a Dublin-ified Limerickman, and arranged a meeting-place to hand over the prisoner.

On our way we had left the Yola road which would have carried us to the centre of our sister-diocese. The cathedral there was in the charge of John Moylan of a family well known in Limerick, city and county.

All except Martin have gone to God now. Nigerians, lay and cleric, have expanded the enterprise, and after enduring Jihad-type murder and mayhem rebuilt bigger and better. The signposts are black now, stronger and more firmly rooted than their predecessors could ever be.

J.L.

# World Mission Sunday 2024

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund supports missionary activities in over 1,150 young dioceses: mostly Africa, Asia and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go these places to share the love of God.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme this year from (Mt 22:9): 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'. Mission, he said, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God.

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. If you would like to support Mission Sunday you can leave a donation in any of the mission boxes as you leave the church. You can also donate €4 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Thank You.

Source: Resources Mission Month Toolkit

## Grow Mental Health 0818-474 474 [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)

Friendly Community based, peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues. Connection, Hope and Identity by empowering members to nurture their positive wellbeing and personal growth. Ennis- Maria Assumpta Hall Monday 8pm/ Tuesday 4pm. Limerick-33 Henry Street (morning and evening groups). Contact Celia 086-1526966/ Danielle 086-1588626

## Lunchtime Concerts at St. Mary's Cathedral

Tuesday 22nd October at 1.15pm

A lunchtime concert with  
Catherine O'Carroll (Soprano)  
& Irina Dernova (Piano)

## NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

Forms and envelopes for your November Dead Lists are available at the back of the church inside the main doors. You are invited to fill out your lists and drop them into the box provided. Special Remembrance Masses will be offered for loved ones at 7.30am each weekday, 10.15am Saturday & 9.00am on Sundays during the month of November.

## November Desert Day

Remember your loved ones who are with God



## Autumn Reflection

### Where:

Infinity Woodland Pathway  
Little Company of Mary  
(beside Milford Care Centre,  
Castletroy, Limerick)

### When:

Sunday 27th October 2024 @ 3pm

### Led by:

Care of the Earth Group  
Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Milford