



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th October 2024

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Mass Times

Monday-Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

Mass for the Sick

3.00pm

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.

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Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Mr. John Doyle



Hallowed or Hollowed?

When Peter endorsed Jimmy Walton's ticket at the Narrow Gate Jimmy asked the way to the section for all souls. *They're all the same*, said Peter, *souls and saints; no gods or stalls or theatre boxes here*. Jimmy settled down and he couldn't be happier. Time didn't pass and, not surprisingly, Jimmy couldn't be happier. Why? We don't know, because no eye saw or ear heard whatever was or wasn't going on.

When it was this time of year here below Jimmy took the option of an unobtrusive stroll through former haunts. The experience of his bodily days was before his mental eye again. Praying for the dead, talking to God about the loved or loathed now lost, had been a strong thread tying his generation to those gone and yet to come. That was an anchor for his berthing in the flood of time. A healthy thing which might take some unhealthy forms. In his family he used to be assigned particular relatives and neighbours who would each need a certain, precise, number of his good deeds and his prayers for a final thrust past a pernicky Peter. The measuring-stick employed to make these arcane calculations was not seen or understood but church and cemetery used to be kept busy with promoters of the noble cause.

Jimmy's second coming found a changed scene. All saints and all souls had now left the churches and taken to the streets. Declarations of spirituality without religion were widely heard. The great beast of commerce offered, for a fast-dropping price, countless aids to contact with another world. Plastic skeletons struggled out of graves in suburban gardens. Slimy cobwebs too ugly the most incompetent spider draped houses worth half a million and more. Here and there neck-tied cadavers swung from impromptu gallows. Grotesque masks marred the streets of every town.

Jimmy read of a Hallowe'en Ghost Walk, guaranteed to be at the same time exclusive and inclusive, safe and frightening. It was advertised like this: *A free fright-fest of spooky thrills and chills with ghosts and ghouls and frightful sights Alive with freaky fog, ghastly spiders and skeletons, menacing witches and demons. identifying wristbands compulsory for safety on a pathway suitable for buggies and wheelchairs, with the coffee-shop staying open till late.*

Bonfires too, the bigger the more boast-worthy, somehow grace the days of the dead. They're outlawed as dangerous, but the prohibition is more a challenge than a barrier. Their sparks continue to fly and give fire brigades their busiest night of the year.

Our visitor from above is beyond disturbance now but many at an earlier stage in the God-ward trek find the Hallowe'en Firecracker the final straw. These explosives are illegal in our state but they're here. By sound and sight they mimic the rockets and other missiles that deal death to thousands today. Indeed they themselves account for an odd lost finger or blinded eye. Lone people in their homes dread them while their pet dogs, vulnerable by their acute hearing, cower in keening pain at their sound.

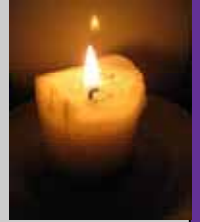
That's Hallowe'en now, a pretty fractured feast. We don't have to worry about distinguishing saints from souls. But we should worry if we forget those who went before us or grow careless of all who come after. Where we do try to distinguish is between the hollow and the hallowed, between fakery and integrity. Integrity comes in full only at the end when we head back to the centre, the place we are meant to be, the place we call God. Peaceful rest to everyone. Happy Hallowe'en. Have fun.

J.L.

Thought for the day

The journey towards faith has many dimensions. Firstly, there is our need (expressed in the Gospel as blindness). Secondly, the courage to name our need, even in the face of opposition. Next comes our encounter with Jesus and our cry for help, guidance, healing. Naming our need is insisted upon by Jesus as an essential step, because faith is so much more than believing lots of doctrines. More fundamentally, it is an act of trust, a putting of myself in relationship and being able to receive from God whatever it is we need. This is the faith which makes us well.

Prayer God, our light and hope, be our guide on the path of life and on the way of faith. Help us to be aware of our blindness, especially when we think we can see. With your healing touch, may we be filled with light and joy. Amen Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings



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.

Mass Times - November 1st Feast of All Saints

**Friday 1st November is the
Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day.
Masses in St. Augustine's
7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am, 1pm & 4pm.
Please note there will be an extra Mass at 1pm.**

Thank You

On behalf of Pope Francis, thank you for supporting the World Mission Collection last 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. The amount collected in St. Augustine's for Mission Sunday was €710 a big thank you to all.

**Feast of All Souls
Saturday, 2nd November
is the Feast of All Souls
Commemoration of the
Faithful Departed**

St. Saviour's Dominican Church

"St. Martin Triduum" is being held at St. Saviour's Parish each day 1-3 November. Join Fr. Philip Neri Reese, O.P. for the 1pm daily Mass, followed by Confessions, Adoration, Blessing with the relic of St. Martin, Rosary Confraternity Enrolment, Devotions as well as Healing service & Holy Hour for Vocations, 7pm (Fri); Young Adult Talk, 7.30pm (Sat)."
Source: Parish Notes

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**Saturday 2nd November
Anointing of the Sick
at the 3pm Mass.**

Thank You

The Red Cross would like to thank all those who supported their recent Church Gate Collection at St. Augustine's Church. The amount donated was €289.38

November Desert Day Remember your loved ones who are with God

Silent Retreat with Eucharist and Reconciliation
Saturday 2nd November 2024
10.30am-5.00pm
Limerick Diocesan Centre
St. Munchin's Corbally
Booking details on the notice board at the back of the church

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