



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 2025

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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

All are welcome



St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.

Fr. John Lyng O.S.A.

Ms Geraldine van Dam

Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Mr. John Doyle



Transaction & Compassion

We're shaken by the words and images of war etched into hearts and minds over many months. Things thought too terrible to be real are now laid out daily, hourly, in front of us and can be ignored no longer. What's cruel and grotesque has usurped the place of normality and the high level lie is the currency of daily discourse. Language has been mangled and brutalized preparatory, as oft-predicted, to innocent children, women and men being similarly abused. It began with brutality and so it goes on.

We were told about a style of leadership that would bring peace. Transactional, they called it. What that means is growing clearer. Life, limb or loved child are worth nothing in this kind of transaction. Transaction means that opulence needs to give nothing except to trade with a similar power. Everyone coming between is for trampling. Transaction is blasting dozens you know to be innocent to get at one or two you deem guilty. You can smash a hospital full of sick and maimed along with the heroes trying to heal them if you say there are a few offenders in the vicinity. Bombing babies is a message rather than an outrage. Might is right and its word is law whenever it says so. Transaction is what sates for a time the insatiable ego. That's the peacemaker today.

It would make you wonder with the medieval mourner if Christ and his angels are asleep.

NEWS at TEN

Each evening we look on rubble mounds

That once were houses;

And see the poorest of Your poor

Broken by clashing fissures

Of our beautiful earth.

We watch Your wretched gather in frozen knots

Around wood-salvage flames,

See swaddled bodies

Laid out in ordered rows,

Hear the olagóning for the dead.

We have believed ever

In the even-ness of Your love,

Falling like sunshine,

Falling like rain,

On just and unjust.

But how in this faith-less time,

Can we trust that, beyond death and mayhem,

All will still be well?

(Padraig J. Daly, *This Glowing Place: New and Selected Poems*, Scotus Press).

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How? indeed! The best we can do is try to hang on to the poetry of today's gospel. Not an easy creed.

"Treat others as you would like them to treat you.....Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate."

J.L.

Thought for the Day

In the most generous perspective, the desire for retaliation represents a longing for justice and equity. For example, "an eye for an eye." Such justice is easily distorted into vengeance, hence the limiting of vengeance to precisely equal retaliation in the Old Testament. That tempering of vengeance does not really go far enough. The problem is responding in kind—the ultimate logic of which would be one person left with one eye!! Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: do not respond to violence with violence, do not engage at the level offered. Instead, turn the dynamic on its head: love your enemies and break the cycle of hatred and violence.

Prayer: Help us, compassionate God, to take to heart the teaching of Jesus that love without limit may be our rule of life.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/ Sunday reading/Hearers of the Word

February Prayer Intention

We are invited to join with people around the world in praying for Pope Francis intention this month.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood, and religious life.

Thomistic Institute Talk

Join us for the next Thomistic Institute talk on Monday, 10th March at 7.00pm in the parish hall of St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick.

The speaker will be Sr. Jane Dominic Laurel O.P. on the topic of 'Suffering and the Narrative of Redemption: Why God allows us to suffer'.

This should be a very interesting talk.

Feel free to invite a friend.

Hope to see you there!

**Limerick Choral Festival 2025
Opening Concert
St. Joseph's Church
Friday 28th February at 7.30pm**

**Galway Baroque Singers &
Limerick Chamber Choir**

(Retiring Collection)

IF IT'S FAIR - JUST BUY IT!



There will be a Fairtrade display stand at back of the church from Monday 24th Feb –3rd March. Drop by the stand and enter the draw for the Fairtrade Hamper.

Blood Donor Clinics

Castletroy Park Hotel

Monday 24th & 25th Feb.

16.20 –19.40

ADARE

Fitzgerald's Woodland House Hotel

26/2/ 2025

16.50 - 20.10

Crescent Shopping Centre

27/2/2025

15.50—19.10

Unit 1A City Mall V94 832X

To book an appointment

Ring 1800 222 111

Women's Day - 8th March

Date: Saturday March 8th

Venue: **Patrickswell Community Centre (V943K59)**

Time: **9.30am -3.30 pm**

For **International Women's Day 2025**, we are coming together in community to celebrate **Women of Spirit and Faith, Old and New**, through the Spoken Word, Reflection, Music, Song and Verse. We offer you the opportunity to hear and celebrate the voices of women from biblical times through to the voices of women today. We will explore not only the significance of their faith presence for their own time, but also how they can potentially speak to our lives and the life of our Church today.

Spaces limited, so reserve your place by contacting Ann at

087 9304666 before **Wednesday 5th March.**

All are welcome, just bring yourself and a friend or two!

Tea, Coffee and Light Lunch provided. Suggested donation €20 on the day.

Facilitated by Lay Ministers Ann Mulcahy, Nessa Breen, & Sr. Betty Baker.