

**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY**  
19th   
October  
2025

**St. Augustine's Church  
Limerick**  
**19th October 2025**  
Twenty Ninth 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

All Masses are  
'live streamed  
at St. Augustine's

## Keep At It

When you're dealing with a judge it's important to accept without question that he's the top dog and you're only the pleading pup. A few years ago a cheeky young lad was brought from prison to a Dublin court to be sentenced for yet another misdeed. As he was escorted away he turned to tell the judge that a lady, now a fellow-prisoner but rumoured to have been once closely acquainted with His Honour, "was asking for you". Not surprisingly this didn't impel the judge to any excess of leniency. Nor did personal familiarity work for a man in the Cork court-house beside St Augustine's Priory. He thought it important to remind the judge that he was no upstart novice—criminal but well-established who, with His Honour, had borne the heat of the day in many previous engagements. He took the opportunity to speak before being sentenced and began, companionably, "Now Judge, you and me, we go back a long way."

What about the judge in today's gospel? Not the nicest of fellows: neither fear of God nor respect for man. Not godlike at all except in one respect, that is he was much slower in giving the desired answer than his petitioner would wish. That's often the case with God.

St Teresa, feast-day today as I write this, remarked on God's tardiness in answering our perceived needs. In a shakily-authenticated anecdote reported by one Alice Lady Lovat in *The Life of St. Teresa* (1912) she and companions ran into very bad weather and associated problems while trying to visit the convents of Burgos and Grenada in 1582:

"Oh, my Lord!" she exclaimed, with her usual loving familiarity, "when wilt Thou cease from scattering obstacles in our path?" "Do not complain, daughter," the Divine Master answered, "for it is ever thus that I treat My friends." "Ah, Lord, it is also on that account that Thou hast so few!" was her reply." That's what her pals reported. They were there and I wasn't.

Our relationship with God is not a transaction between equals. He's in charge and knows his own job. We can't bribe or browbeat, force or hurry Him. But, like the woman in the gospel, we can keep at it.

A word about the death and feast-day of the aforementioned saint, to take the bare look off this page if for no better reason: St Teresa of Avila died in 1582 in the middle of the night. They weren't sure if it was before or after midnight. If it was five to twelve, she died on the 4th of October, but if it was ten minutes later she died on the 15th of the same month. That gap is made up of days written off when the Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian version to align our timekeeping with the solar year. By 1582, seasonal equinoxes were falling 10 days "too early," and some church holidays, such as Easter, did not always fall in the proper seasons. It was then that January 1st was established as the first day of the new year.

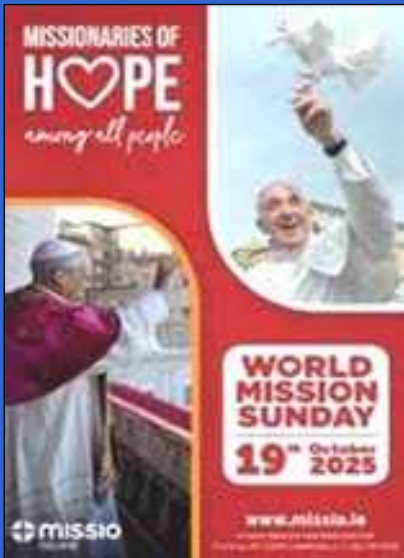
So if anyone tells you of something that happened around here on e.g. 5th or 10th October 1582, you may raise an questioning eyebrow. J.L.



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

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





# World Mission Sunday 2025

*Theme: 'Missionaries of Hope Among All People'*

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. 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 at the glass doors as you leave the church. Thank You.

## Thought for the Day

There can be no "part-time" discipleship. Likewise, there can be no part-time prayer. The deep reason behind this is that God loves my whole person and desires all that I am. Constancy in discipleship demands constancy in prayer; and constancy in prayer builds discipleship. In other words, they can be no separation of life and prayer—the goal is the same, the integration of my whole self into the Christian project. However, the relationship is primary. It is not that practical action is more important and prayer helps, but that prayer is more important and how I live is the test of my prayer.

**Prayer :** God, who love the human race, your love touches our deepest selves and fills us with joy in believing. Help us to respond to your love in constant prayer and faithful discipleship. Amen.

Source: [www.tarsus.ie/](http://www.tarsus.ie/) Sunday Readings

**You're not alone**  
*Drink problem? We get it...*

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Open Public Meeting  
 All Welcome

Find out about what AA does  
 Speakers from AA and Al-Anon  
 Saturday 8th November, 2 - 3pm  
 HSE Building, Bishop's St., V94 F6K7  
 E-mail : [limerickcitypi@alcoholicsanonymous.ie](mailto:limerickcitypi@alcoholicsanonymous.ie)  
 All enquires in strictest confidence

Scan for AA Ireland Website info on meetings in Limerick city & county

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**St. Augustine's Church**  
**Last Sunday's Collections came to €1,016**  
**Thank you for your continued support .**

**Desert Day**  
 Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30 am - 4.45 pm

*A Light for Every Soul*

Silent retreat with Eucharist & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Bernadette Murphy

Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/coffee/snacks provided  
 Donations €20

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