

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH WASHINGTON ST. CORK

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday – Saturday: 8.30, 9.30, 11.00, 4.00pm.
Divine Mercy Mass: Monday at 8.00pm.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 8.00pm.
Sunday: 10.30, 11.30, 1.00pm
Polish Mass: 9.00, and 6.00pm.

Augustinian Devotions

Purgatorial Society: Monday 11.00am.

Mother of Good Counsel Novena Prayers

Friday, 10.35am and 3.35pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday, after 11.00 Mass - 4.00pm.

St. Rita Novena Prayers: Saturday after 11.00 Mass

Mass for the Sick: Saturday, 4.00pm

Rosary: Monday - Saturday, 10.35am and 3.35pm.

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri. 11.30 -12.15, and 4.30pm -5.30pm

Sat. 11.30 -1.00pm; 3.00pm - 4.00pm; 4.30-5.30pm
and 7.15- 7.45pm.

Eve of First Friday: 11.30 -1.00pm; 3.00 - 4.00pm
4.30pm -5.30pm

ST AUGUSTINE'S PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sat. 19th July 2008

Bus departs 7.00am Grand Parade/Church Entrance

Fee €50.00 (Inc. Full Irish Breakfast & 4 course Dinner)

Tickets Mass Office Tel. 427 04 10

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Door collection will take place at all Masses
this Sat. 12th July & Sun. 13th July 2008

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13.07.08

Have you heard the one about the man who had two Chihuahuas he named them Timex and Rolex because he was training them to be watchdog's?

A simple joke, but even so, some people may not get the punch line. Jesus communicated with parables, little stories with punch lines that not everyone got. Jesus told his disciples that some people look and don't see, listen and don't understand. Isaiah was a bit more direct when he said, "Their minds are dull."

God's message, like the seeds in one of Jesus' parables, needs to penetrate deeply in order to take root in us. But these seeds can easily bounce off the top of our heads. We need to be open; we must look and listen carefully.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to make ourselves into fertile ground for the word of God.

Let us call on God's mercy for those times when we harden our hearts and do not listen to God speaking to us.

We pray that the Church may sow the seed of God's word, in rich soil that will produce a rich harvest.

For farmers and all who depend on the soil for their livelihood, that this year's crops may satisfy their needs.

For those who are far from home, for work or on holidays, that they may experience kindness, and travel in safety.

GENERAL PRAYER

God of life and light and love, you have created us, and you care for us, and you forgive us. When we wonder how we can go on, you remind us that you watch over us and that you neither slumber nor sleep. When questions fill our minds, and we do not know where to turn, you help us to remember your love and caring are always present in abundance. Today may we trust in your promises and mercy, so that we may be serving you always with joy and confidence. Amen.

Pet owner: Every time a bell rings my dog goes and sits in the corner.

Veterinarian: That's perfectly normal; he's a boxer.

Two farmers had farms that bordered each other. Things always seemed to go just right for Farmer Bill. Whenever he sold a load of corn, the market prices were up that day. He would increase his wheat planting the season that other parts of the country that produced wheat were having drought, and so his yield got top price.

Farmer Bob, on the other hand, never seemed to things to go right. The day he would sell a load of rye, the rye prices would be down. The year he decided not to plant soybeans was the year that Brazil had a terrible crop, and so the prices for soybeans were up.

One day Bob was out in his field and he noticed that Bill was working in his field next door. Bob called to Bill and they began to have a conversation over the fence. "I've been noticing, Bill, that you always seem to know when to do the right thing. When you sell a crop, are up that day. You buy things when prices are down. For me, things go just the opposite. When I decide not to grow beans, beans go up that year. When I sell grain, the price always is down. Bill, what's your secret?"

"There's no secret," Bill replied. "Every morning, the first thing I do when I get up, is to open my bible at random, and close my eyes and whatever that verse tells me, that's what I do that day. Why don't you try it?"

"I will," Bob said.

The next morning when he got up, Farmer Bob took out his Bible, opened to a page at random, closed his eyes, and pointed to a verse. He opened his eyes, and his finger was pointing at "Chapter II."

Two trucks loaded with a thousand copies of *Roget's Thesaurus* collided as they left a New York publishing house last Thursday., according to the Associated Press. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, astonished, astounded, mesmerised....

Sign on a church notice board:
You aren't too bad to come in,
You aren't good enough to stay out

