

## 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

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church door collection at all Masses  
Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> May & Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2008

### ST AUGUSTINE'S RESOURCE AND REPOSITORY

Based at the rear of the church  
Weekly Catholic Papers, Monthly Magazines  
Books and Religious Objects available.

## THE 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01.06.08

There is a slump in the market for new houses. Old houses are even more difficult to sell. One of the critical moments in the sale of a house is when the inspection report comes back. A verdict such as "structural defects" or "shift in foundation" is the death knell for a prospective sale.

Spiritual conversion involves just such an inspection, and the verdict can be drastic: Tear it down and start all over again. If the foundation is poor, no amount of renovation or cosmetic enhancement will save the house. Fortunate for us, Jesus is a master builder. If we are willing to begin again at ground level, he will bring uprightness and strength to our lives from bottom up, the inside out.

Today's Gospel reminds us to be like the wise person and build our house on rock and make Jesus the firm foundation of our faith.

One act of faith to which every believer is called is to pray for those who most need our prayers.

We pray for the church: for those who are sure in their faith and those who struggle with doubt or discouragement.

We pray for those who are suffering: for comfort for the sick, confidence for the fearful, companionship for the lonely, consolation for the grieving.

We pray for a good summer: for bountiful gardens and fertile fields; for the safety and well-being of our children and all young people.

There was a group of botanists who were searching for a rare flower in the Himalayas. Upon finding the desired plant on the side of a steep cliff, they offered a bribe to a young boy if he would let them lower him over the cliff to retrieve the plant.

The young boy told the botanists to wait a few minutes and he ran home. He returned a little while later with an older man and said that, if they let his father hold onto the rope, he would permit them to lower him over the side of the cliff.

## HIDING UGLY OR ENHANCING BEAUTY

Cosmetics have two basic purposes. The first is to hide the ugly. Some people just paste on the makeup wherever the blemish is, and hope it doesn't rain.

The second purpose is to enhance beauty. It draws attention to the beauty that's already there – the high cheekbones, the bright eyes, the glowing smile. Although I'm no expert on makeup, it seems to me that the second use is better use. Bringing out beauty is much better than just hiding ugly.

Glenn Wagner, "Christian Cosmetology,"

The next time you feel bad or useless and are far from God to do any good, just remember.....

Noah was a drunk, Abraham was too old, Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar Leah was ugly, Joseph was abused, Moses had a stuttering problem, Gideon was afraid, Sampson had long hair and was a womaniser, Rahab was a prostitute, Jeremiah and Timothy were too young, David had an affair and was murdered, Elijah was suicidal, Isaiah preached naked, Jonah ran from God, Naomi was a widow, Job went bankrupt, John the Baptist ate bugs, Peter denied Christ, the disciples fell asleep while praying, Martha worried about everything, the Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once, Zaccheus was too small, Paul was too religious, Timothy had an ulcer... and Lazarus was dead!

No more excuses now. God can use you to your full potential.

### NOVENA in honour of ST ANTHONY

At St Francis, Liberty St, Cork

Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Mornings 10.30am, Evenings 7.30pm, Sat. 6.30pm

Mass for students' intentions Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> June

Feast of St Anthony 13<sup>th</sup> June Blessing of Lilies 10.30, 7.30

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

Thomas Jefferson

