



St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church was born at Tagaste (Algeria) in 354 and died at Hippo (Tunisia) in 430. He taught in Carthage, Rome, and Milan. He lived for fifteen years

were taken first to Sardinia and then to Pavia in Lombardy, northern Italy, where they can still be seen today

He left behind numerous written works, the most important of which are Confessions (c. 400) and The City of God (c. 413–426), which helped lay the foundation for much of medieval and modern Christian thought. In Roman Catholicism he is formally recognized as a doctor of the church.

with a woman who remains unknown and with whom he had a son, named Adeodatus. He was baptised in 387, together with his son, after a long inner struggle and under the influence of Saint Ambrose who was bishop of Milan at the time and the prayers of his mother, Saint Monica. He was Bishop of Hippo for thirty-four years and lived a communal life with his clergy and served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse.

He is honoured as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

Augustine was seventy-six when the Vandals came through Gaul and Spain to North Africa and were at the gate of the city of Hippo as he lay dying inside and they took it over as their capital after he died. His mortal remains

A quotation from the beginning of the Confessions sums up the intellectual and spiritual journey of this extraordinary man. "You have made us for yourself, O Lord and our heart is restless until it rests in you"

Confessions (Latin: Confessiones) is the name of an autobiographical work, consisting of 13 books, written in Latin between 397 and 400 AD. The work outlines Saint Augustine's sinful youth and his conversion to Christianity and it was intended to be read out loud with each book being a complete unit.

### Saints of the Week

Mon 24	ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
Tues 25	St Louis of France St Joseph Calasanz, priest
Thurs 27	St Monica
Fri 28	St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church
Sat 29	The Passion of St John the Baptist



'Lay this body anywhere, let not the care for it trouble you at all. This only I ask, that you will remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you be'

( St Monica in Confessions IX, 11)



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### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23rd August 2020



## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY

### IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**6.00 pm Sat 22nd Vigil:-**

Brian Spain (Anv)  
Flor O' Mahony (Anv)

**10.00 am Sun 23rd:-**

Dr. Dermot Cantwell (Months Mind)  
David Fitzpatrick (Anv)

**11.30 am Sun 23rd:-**

Michael O' Dwyer (Months Mind)  
Agnes Byrne (Anv)  
Molly Aylmer (Anv)  
Fred Rochford (Anv)

90th Birthday Celebration intention-  
Frank Bracken

Other Intentions

**Recently Deceased:-**

Mary Woods  
Frank Crossen  
Denise Barr  
Gay Thomas

**Anniversaries:-**

Phil Thompson  
Brendan O' Connor  
Jack Clancy

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Recently deceased

Anne Corcoran  
Michael McCann  
Richard Johnson  
May they rest in peace





**August 23, 2020**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away

from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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## TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord God of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace : I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah.  
(Is 22:19-23)

### PSALM

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.  
(Ps 137:1-3.6.8)

### SECOND READING

How rich are the depths of God -how deep his wisdom and knowledge -how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods!  
(Rm 11:33-36)  
**GOSPEL**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'  
(Mt 16:13-20)



Supporting Pope Francis' Covid 19 Emergency Fund – World

### Missions Ireland

On behalf of our Holy Father and the poorest and most vulnerable communities in our wider Church family, thank you for taking action and donating towards Pope Francis' COVID-19 Emergency Fund. Already, his life-giving Fund is making an impact in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In dioceses in Pakistan, the majority of people live below the poverty line. The virus has forced many to isolate. Now lack of food is becoming the most

urgent and fundamental need. The Fund is being used to help feed these hungry men, women, and children. In countries, like Sierra Leone and Chad, Health and Public Announcement systems are fragile. Here a problem is the lack of information about the virus; how it spreads and its consequences. In response, the Fund is allowing the Church to use local radio to inform parishes about the virus and the simple precautions needed to take. Thank you for playing your part in making this happen. Your support and prayers for our overseas missionaries and the people they serve are always appreciated and greatly needed.

'O Lord God, give peace unto us: (for Thou hast given us all things;) the peace of rest, the peace of the Sabbath, which hath no evening. For all this most goodly array of things very good, having finished their courses, is to pass away, for in them there was morning and evening.'

From conclusion of Book 13 of Confessions of St Augustine