



He  
is  
Risen



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## Easter Sunday

### The Resurrection of the Lord

### 5th April 2026

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## 'SURPRISE'--'SURPRISE'--'SURPRISE' HE IS RISEN INDEED

**Surprise:** *Yes, that sums it all up! Nobody, but nobody ever dreamt about a 'Resurrection', about the dead Jesus being alive again, being seen by many people. Least of all did his nearest and dearest – the apostles. They were taken totally by surprise, couldn't believe their eyes. How I would love to see that! Love to share the feeling of the Disciples. Love to be with Mary on the Day of the Resurrection!*



**Joy:** *When the reality eventually sank in – and that took some little time – there followed unrequited **JOY**. This Joy transformed the apostles. He is Risen, He is Risen indeed, He has appeared to Simon, He is Lord. Alleluia. Lord, grant us the beautiful gift of Joy.*

**Sharing with others:** *The first Christians in Jerusalem were so bowled over with the Risen Lord that they couldn't stop talking about it! Accounts came tumbling off their tongues, "We saw Him", "We touched Him", "We ate with Him", "We spoke with Him". This is witnessing to their Faith – Not trying to prove anything – simply telling what they knew to be fact.*

**A Power for us today.** *Jesus rose not just for the apostles and the first Christians two thousand years ago: NO. It is the Good News for us here today. And what a mighty transforming power that is. We can feel the energy in our very bones. We are to be different, having a different outlook on life, on relationships, on our daily cares.*

**Because He is Risen** *We must never feel conquered, and never stay down, beaten, depressed. He Is Risen and Is With Us. We are to be a **People of great Hope and Confidence.** ML*

## Reflection

# INVITATION OF JESUS

"Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with them and they with me." (Revelation 3:19-21)

The Lord knocks at the door of our heart: do we hear Him?; do we feel a nudge of conscience to listen, to change, to be quiet for a moment, to make a decision? God will not force Himself into our lives, but knocks, ever so gently, and leaves it to us to open the door to His presence.

The painter W. Holman Hunt, 150 years ago, painted perhaps his best known work, The Light of the World. It represents Jesus, dressed as a king and holding a lantern, preparing to knock on an overgrown and long-unopened door, symbol of the human conscience. The door has no handle – it can only be opened from the inside.

We are all free to accept the Lord into our lives and open the door to Him. He seeks a full response: love, faith, service and endurance. In the Book of Revelations we read about the mighty city of Ephesus in Asia Minor, Turkey, and Jesus is saying to the city "You have lost the love you had at first" (Rev.2,4). Without Love for Jesus of Nazareth, of the Gospels, we and the Church are empty shells. Jesus tells the people of Ephesus that unless they return to love for him he will remove the lamp stand, His Light. Today Ephesus is an empty shell. This time of grace, a time to listen to the knock and open the door, to receive the Light. It is a time for quiet, for prayer, daily. In your own home sit quietly, light a candle before an icon of the Lord, read a little of the Gospels, ponder the meaning. Best do this with one or two others – listen to one another. Invite the Lord to enter into your hearts. He will.

*ML*



### Mass Times

#### after Easter

Mon 6th –Friday 10th

10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday 11th April

10.15am

Mass of the Sick

3.00pm

Sunday 12th April

9.00am, 11.15am

& 7.30pm

Confessions Resume

Monday 13th April

## Celebratory Concert in Honour of St. Catherine of Siena

Join us for a celebration in honour of St. Catherine of Siena on

Wednesday 29th April at 7:30pm

in St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick.

Along with Gregorian Chant & Medieval Polyphony music,

we will dive deeper into her life

and her prayers as a way to remember this great saint!

Tickets are available on Eventbrite or in the parish office: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/st-catherine-of-sienna-concert-tickets-1984623550464>

## Eucharistic Adoration

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in --the Limerick Diocese.

The National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on

Sunday 19th April (weekend after Divine Mercy).

Please ring 086-0401789 / 087-6497382 to enquire or book a seat on the

bus leaving Askeaton church at 7.30AM and Raheen church at 8.00AM.

More details are on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

### Divine Mercy Devotions

Redemptorist Church  
Limerick

Mount St. Alphonsus

Sunday 12th April

Starting 2.30pm -  
Mass at 4.45pm

## EASTER BLESSINGS & THANK YOU

A big word of thanks and appreciation to all those who helped us to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, those who exercised the various ministries and those who participated in the ceremonies.

Thanking you also, who attend St. Augustine's Church and for your continued support.

*May Easter Joy and the hope of the Risen Christ touch all your lives today and always!*

*From the Augustinian Community.*