



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 3rd May 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

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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 at

St. Augustine's are

'Live Streamed'



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

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## You Can't Miss It?

Following directions given them by local people in Iraqi Kurdistan, the three tourists hiked to see the Ahmed Awa waterfall, and disappeared. It was later revealed that they spent the next four months in solitary confinement in an Iranian prison, having strayed across the border on their day out. Sarah was let go 14 months later on "humanitarian grounds." Fattal and Bauer were convicted of "illegal entry" two years later and sentenced to eight years in prison.

That news item reminds us we're lucky to live in a little country bordered by water. We're unlikely to incur the penalty our tourists paid for going astray. But finding our way on our own little bit of land poses its own challenges. Before the recent introduction of Garmin, Tom-Tom and others of the Sat Nav ilk—and these too can give you a bum steer — the sign-post was welcome sight for the traveller. Follow its direction and you couldn't go wrong. That's unless some local wit had exercised his comic genius by turning the sign around on its post and launching you on a course away from your intended end. In parts of the country where the culture has not developed in this way the signpost is unmolested and sends us the right way. So, your confidence grows until a T-junction without of any sign, right or wrong, plunges you back into the torment of the lost.

Many city and town councils think signposts look bare and unbeautiful, so they plant trees in front of them or shrubs which soon produce beautiful fronds to enfold them. If we want to access the information here we must part the foliage and climb the post to read its sign. Well, I suppose the offending vegetation is consuming some of the carbon emitted by the car that's carried us over our zig zag course.

Of-t-times we have to revert to the oldest method and ask the way. People are wonderfully willing to help but this is not as simple as it used to be. Many of today's pedestrians in our cities are new arrivals and so unable to pilot us to harbour. Meet one born around the place, familiar with the locality, and your directions are rounded off with the dreaded "you can't miss it". This after you've spent the last half-hour or more missing it.

Today they'll tell you the Sat-Nav is your only man. But, even if that machine is honest, isn't a bit un-human, mechanical? Might as well get into a parcel and be posted. And when Thomas said "How can we know the way?" Jesus didn't give him an automatic route plotted by Sat-Nav, or say you cant miss it. No, he exemplified the most helpful of guides, "I'll show you; I am the Way..." . So, the journey involves a good bit of signpost reading, a good bit of travelling together with vehicles more or less roadworthy, a few cul-de-sacs and a good bit of stopping to ask the Way. And, most of all, keeping an eye on the guide. In case we might miss it.



J.L.



Mary,  
Queen  
of the  
May



## My Rosary

What comfort just to clasp it, my Rosary so dear;  
each Mystery brings fresh courage,  
and drives away all fear.

In prayer so oft repeated, yet never growing old,  
I read the wondrous story of God's own love untold  
Each chaplet forms a garland to place at Mary's feet;  
Fair buds and full-bloom roses  
exhaling fragrance sweet.

The Crucifix which crowns it reminds me day by day  
to bravely bear my crosses along earth's rugged way.  
I hope when life is ended, and death shall set me free  
Still twined around my fingers will be my Rosary.

**Monday 4th May, Public Holiday**  
**St. Augustine's Mass Times:**  
**10.15am & 4.00pm**  
**No Confessions**

### 'A Refresher/Information' Safeguarding Training Session. at St. Augustine's Church.

For those in Ministry at St. Augustine's and due for this Refresher Information Session there will be two training sessions taking place on Thursday 14th May at 11.30am and 7.00pm. here in St. Augustine's Priory. So you have a choice of attending the session that suit you best. The training will be given by our Augustinian training co-ordinator Ms. Avril Halley. Again thank you for your on-going commitment to our Augustinian Church.  
*(Those due for this training will be notified this week)*

## Thought for the Day

Jesus is already now, today, our way, our truth and our life. As the Gospel says, to have eternal life is to believe in him whom God has sent (Jn 5:24; 17:3). This is a reality for us now and it guides our life, in matters great and small. At the core of this reality is trust, that is, the capacity to entrust all that we have and are to the living God and to his Son, raised from the dead. It is not an accident that the verb "to believe" occurs no fewer than ninety eight times in the Fourth Gospel.

**Prayer:** You gave us Jesus, the Word made flesh as Mediator, and he has spoken your words to us and called us to follow him. He is the way that leads us to you, the truth that sets us free, the life that fills us with gladness. Amen.

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

Join us as we celebrate  
this wonderful Feast Day

## Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 24th May at 11.15am

*The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit*

## Biodiversity

"Look out for the beautiful Holly Blue Butterfly. A small blue butterfly, that stays close to hedgerows that contain Holly and Ivy. Holly blues can complete their life cycle on other plants, including bramble, dogwoods, gorses and spindle, but their main host plants are holly and ivy.

Remember the advice from the experts on Irish pollinators. You don't need wildflower mixes to make a meadow. Just mow less. Real, local wildflower seeds are already in the soil waiting for a chance to emerge. Choose patience, not packets, and let those Dandelions bloom. Dandelions are the number one food source for pollinators on the Island of Ireland.



Source Parish Notes