



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 6th Sunday of Easter 10th May 2026

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Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

Mass for the Sick

3.00pm

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 are 'live
streamed' at St.
Augustine's Church.



St. Augustine's Church Child Safeguarding Representatives.

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.

Fr. John Lyng O.S.A.

Ms Geraldine van Dam

Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Mr. Tom Walsh



Our own Orphans

(I will not leave you orphans. John 14)

Medical practitioners in Gaza, all but overwhelmed in the consequences of the bombing of recent years, hurriedly created an identity for many of their patients with the scrawled acronym WCNSF. The Guardian newspaper explains, *Within a few months, the war in Gaza had already made its own addition to the vocabulary of emergency medical assistance with the world's most heartbreaking acronym WCNSF, "Wounded Child, No Surviving Family". Over two years of bombardment and famine the problem has worsened, even though in the constant chaos created by Israeli bombing and evacuation orders, which fragment communities and scatter them around the Gaza Strip, it is hard to keep track of children separated from their families.*

You could hardly find more authentic orphans than those WCNSFs

Seen and heard at a stall in a busy African marketplace: A European woman laden with children and sundry purchases was trying to get her week's supply of vegetables. She looked harassed as one of her sons was in rebellious mood. He would, as they used to say in horse-dependent days in Ireland, neither lead nor drive. He wailed as loudly as his lungs would allow. And he further emphasised his state of being on strike by conducting an awkward sit-in or lie-in on the dusty ground. He was, in the sensitive language of today, suffering a melt down. The mother, God help her, reached the point where her discomfort called for physical expression and she administered a sharp slap. Shocked silence took the place of the strident wailing. The boy seemed surprised, to put it mildly, and he wasn't the only one. Nobody was paying attention to vegetables any more. An indignant African woman spoke up in protest at the mother's behaviour. The latter lady, now deeply embarrassed, put up the weak defence "he's my own child." Her accuser dismissed that argument summarily, "a child belongs to everybody." She clearly meant a belonging that brings responsibility rather than possession. A pity those who direct the bombing and drop the bombs don't seem to share any of that compassionate wisdom. I suppose, to put it another way, the woman was saying there should be no orphan children.

When Jesus promised "I will not leave you orphans, I will come back to you" he was no doubt promising the Spirit, a spirit that would have a particular care for the orphans, young or old, of this world. A spirit that would infuse his own care for the abandoned or lost in all who seriously call on or carry his name.

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Thought for the Day

"The greatest things you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return." The following words, attributed to Pedro Arrupe SJ, may up lift and inspire. "Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love, in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evening, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything."

Prayer Jesus, you love the human race: let your love of us strike so deep a chord within us that our lives may resound to the music of that grace, drawing others to the leap of faith and the dance of joy. Source: www.tarsus.ie/resources/PDF26

Pentecost Sunday 24th May

As we move forward during this Celebration time of the Risen Lord we begin to glimpse horizons of the Ascension and Pentecost: two great moments in our Faith Story. Read the Gospel accounts and the Acts of the Apostles to catch the lively spirit of the early Christian community and see how the new Christians were caught up in the "unbelievable" events that were so powerfully affecting their daily lives.

Celebrate with us on
Sunday 24th May at the 11.15am Mass

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit
Fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.



Desert Day
Feast of Pentecost
'Mary, the faithful disciple'
Silent retreat with reflections,
Eucharist & Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Saturday,
May 23rd from 10.30 to 4.45
Venue: Limerick Dominican Centre, St. Mynahes, Corbally, V94925C.
Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan, RSM & Valeria Moogue
Bring your own lunch. Tea/Coffee/snacks supplied.
Donation €20
Booking: Contact Phyllis at moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com or tel: 0879636895

Maranatha Retreat

Maranatha Healing Retreat on this Sunday
10th May, 2026 at 2.30 pm at St Michael's
Church, Denmark St. Limerick with beautiful
music on the harp and song with Aoife and
Mass at 4.30pm. All welcome.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - Chamber Singers USA

Wednesday 13th May at 8pm

Redemptorist Church Limerick

A variety of sacred, spiritual and traditional
songs for mixed voices. Free Entrance.

Our Lady of Limerick

TRIDUUM & FESTIVITIES

22nd - 24th May

ST. SAVIOUR'S DOMINICAN CHURCH
LIMERICK

- Daily 1pm Mass & Adoration
- Confessions available
- Friday - Anointing of the sick
- Saturday - Eucharistic procession
- Sunday - Family festival & bake sale after 1pm Mass



Celebrant: Fr. Blazej
Bialek, O.P.

Jimmy Buckley fundraiser for St. Saviour's Dominican Church Restoration fund.

Exciting news! Jimmy Buckley is coming to Greenhills Hotel, Limerick (V94 X2RV) on Saturday 30th May as a fundraiser for the Restoration projects in St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick.

Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets available on Eventbrite from €25.

For more information please contact:
086 816 1411.