



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK EASTER SUNDAY 16th April 2017

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Mass Times

Monday –Friday
7.30 am, 8.30am,
10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday
8.30am, 10.15am
3.00pm
(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday
9.00am, 11.15am,
Evening Mass
7.30pm

Confession

Monday, Wednesday
&Friday
10.45 am–12.00
3.00pm– 4.00pm
Saturday
10.45 am –12.00
2.30pm –4.00pm

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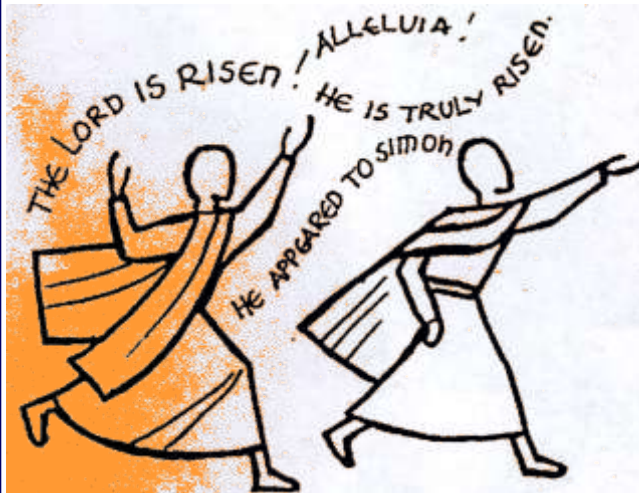
Every Thursday
at 5.00pm

THE LORD IS RISEN 'HE IS RISEN, INDEED'

Surprise:

Yes, that sums it up. Nobody even dreamt about a 'resurrection' – about a dead Jesus coming alive again and being seen by many. Unheard of. Least of all did the nearest and dearest, the apostles. They were taken totally by surprise, couldn't believe their eyes and ears....

Joy: When the reality eventually sunk in – and that took some time, there followed exuberant JOY. Joy transformed the apostles and their cry became "He is Risen, He is Lord!"



Tell others:

The first Christians were so bowled over with the Risen Lord that they couldn't stop talking about it, they simply had to tell everyone about it. Just like all great good news, we can't keep it to ourselves. And so the Gospel accounts – 'we have seen Him' – 'we spoke to Him' – 'we ate with Him' – 'we touched Him' – words that came tumbling from the lips from the first disciples. **Not an attempt to 'prove' the**

Resurrection, just their incredible experience. This is witnessing to their Faith—not trying to prove anything— simply telling what they knew to be fact.

A Power for us in Limerick 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 too must never say die, never feel conquered, and never stay down, beaten, depressed. He Is Risen and Is With Us. We are to be a People of Hope and Confidence.

M.L.



Spreading the LIGHT

There are two ways of spreading light to be the candle or the mirror that reflects them.

(E Wharton)



Feast of Divine Mercy
Redemptorist Church
Sunday April 23rd
at 2.30-5.45pm



PLEASE RETURN
 TRÓCAIRE BOXES
 AS SOON
 AS POSSIBLE!

After Easter
Mass Times
St. Augustine's
Church

There will be only
 two Masses from
 Easter Monday
 to Thursday 20th
 10.15am & 4.00pm

Mass times resume
 on Friday with the
 first Mass at 8.30am,
 10.15 & 4.00pm.

Saturday 21st Mass
 for the Sick 3.00pm

Confession

Confessions resume
 Monday 24th

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers at Mary I.

Wednesday 29th March was a momentous day for Mary Immaculate College as seventy five students were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers by the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Brendan Leahy. Speaking at the event Bishop Leahy said "It's a pleasure to be here on this special day for you and the College. I myself was commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister when I was in college and I still remember it to this day. Today is a day for all of you as we celebrate you being a part of the future of the church."

The seventy five newly commissioned students undertook a training programme with MIC Chaplain Fr Mick Wall. This training marked a significant extra commitment outside of the students' studies and lectures. Speaking at the ceremony Fr Wall commended the student's commitment. "During our training sessions we spoke about the relationship between church, communion and community. You are now part of that community in a very special way. What you are doing here today is not about glory or honour, it is about service. As you go back to your communities you go with a commitment to service and witness. Today you come from different regions to humbly serve the church into the future. You are a very important part of the church going forward and should be commended for your commitment." Congratulations to all involved.

Diocesan newsletter



**A HAPPY
 AND
 BLESSED EASTER
 TO ALL!**

**MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL
 TRIDUUM**



24, 25, 26 th April (Mon-Wed)
10.15 am MASS

Triduum prayers, & petitions

Feast Day Wed 26th

SPRING AND EASTER

Every year it happens:
 earth shakes her sleepy head,
 still a bit wintered and dull,
 and feels new life stirring

Every year cocoons give up their treasures,
 fresh shoots push through brown leaves,
 seemingly dead branches shine with green,
 and singing birds find their way home

Every year we hear the stories
 empty tomb, surprised griever,
 runners with news and revelation,
 unexpected encounters,
 conversations on the road,
 tales of nets filling with fish,
 and breakfast on a seashore

And every year
 the dull and dead in us
 meets our Easter challenge:
 to be open to the unexpected,
 to believe beyond our security,
 to welcome God in every form,
 and trust in our own greening.

By Joyce Rupp

