



# St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

## Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd 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

### Taize

resumes Thursday  
2nd February



## Doubting Thomas

Risen Lord, walk with us through the shadowlands  
between faith and doubt.

Bring us to the threshold of mystery, to the presence  
of GOD in "the cloud of unknowing".

Lead us to a place

Where we can touch your presence  
without understanding all the reasons

Come through the closed door  
of our skepticism and our pain.

Free us from the burden of certainty.

Give us the freedom to embrace  
our doubts and our questions,  
to take off our shoes

and walk the holy ground of mystery.

Help us to see the footprints of your love  
in ancestral stones and sacred places.

Draw us into a community of faith;  
into the celebration of friendship and love.

Open our eyes to hints of resurrection in cherry blossoms  
and budding branches in the half-lights of an Easter dawn,

in the company of a doubting Thomas. L. Ryan



### Mother of Good Counsel Triduum

Monday 24th -Wed 26th



Mass at 10.15am  
Feast Day Wed 26th

Join us for Mass,  
Prayer & Reflection

## Thought for the Day

How did any of us make the journey towards faith in Christ? No doubt a great part of it is simply what we received—usually from family. At some point, did I make a conscious choice? Perhaps at other times, I felt like walking away from the faith project? What kept me going? Did a more personal ownership of faith result? Perhaps I felt the intuition of John O'Donohue, "Faith is helpless attraction to the divine." In spite of everything, in spite of myself, somehow it is part of who I am.



### Prayer :

Mysterious God, we are those who have seen and at the same time not seen. Help to look beyond the simple gifts of each day to see you the giver behind—and in—every gift. Help us embrace the grace that we may know true blessedness in believing.

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**Divine Mercy**  
**Sunday 23rd**  
**Redemptorist**  
**Church**  
**2.30-5.45pm**  
**Mass at 4.45pm**

## Re-Imagining Sacramental Preparation

This year's Mc Auley Conference, now in its tenth year, will explore the issue of sacramental preparation of children. Currently there is considerable public debate as to how best to do this and particularly contentious is the question of what role the school should play in the process. A panel of national and international experts in the area of sacramental preparation will explore these questions with participants over the days of the Conference.



The Conference will be of particular interest to parents, teachers, parish clergy, pastoral workers and members of diocesan and parish liturgy teams. The official opening takes place Friday, May 12th at 7.30pm and continues Saturday 13th with opening prayer at 9.30am, venue T1. 17. Tara building, Mary Immaculate College, S.Cr. Rd.

### Irish Biblical Association

**Doubt and the Disciples in Matthews Gospel**

**Spring Meeting**  
 April 25th  
 St. Patrick's Campus  
 Thurles at 7.30pm

Speaker  
 Dr. Jonathan Burroughs  
 Dept of Theology  
 Mary I. College  
 Admission Free

## Lay Led Liturgy in all Parishes

On Tuesday, April 25th every parish in Limerick diocese has been asked to host a lay led liturgy. Formation and resources have been offered to all parishes, so that everyone is included in this moment.

### What type of prayer or liturgy will this be?

Parishes have been asked to offer a Liturgy of the Word, in which we are nourished at the Table of the Word. The living Word of God in Scripture will feed us as we bring our lives and our prayers to God together on this morning.

There will not be a Communion Service as part of this liturgy for two reasons. Firstly we respect our Bishops request, and we respect other parishes by celebrating in unity. Secondly, the reception of Holy Communion should normally be part of the full celebration of the Eucharist. It is a long-held tradition that Communion can be brought to the sick. For a wide variety of reasons, public prayer with the distribution of Communion is normally reserved to particular circumstances such as on Sundays when parishes cannot celebrate the Eucharist, or to situations such as prayer services in nursing homes etc.

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## An Easter People: St. Augustine

We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. We are told to sing to the Lord a new song. A song is a thing of joy. To sing a new song you need a new heart. Make sure that your life sings the same tune as your mouth. Sing with your voices, sing with your hearts, sing with your lips, sing with your lives. Do you ask what you should sing about the one whom you love. Are you looking for praises to sing?



His praise is the praise is in the assembly of his people. Do you want to speak the praise of God? Be what you speak. If you live good lives you are his praise. We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

**SONG OF PRAISE**



### MARANATHA Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a healing retreat with Fr. Ger Fitzgerald Ennis & Sebastian Sales, UK. Anointing Fire Ministry With Mass, Confession, and Worship  
**Sunday 30th April**  
 at 2.30pm  
**in St. Paul's Church**  
**Dooradole.**

Tea after in the hall.

## Barringtons Great Limerick Run April 30th

The great Limerick Run get under way on Sunday April 30th through a variety of settings including Limerick's city centre, picturesque countryside and riverside locations. The marathon starts at Pery Square at 9.00am, the half Marathon at 10.30am and the 6 mile at 12.30 with the finishing line outside the Augustinian church. Due to the size of the event, certain road closures and parking restriction will be put in place across the race routes. . For more information and to register online [www.greatlimerickrun.com](http://www.greatlimerickrun.com).

