



St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

Easter Sunday 27th March 2016

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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)

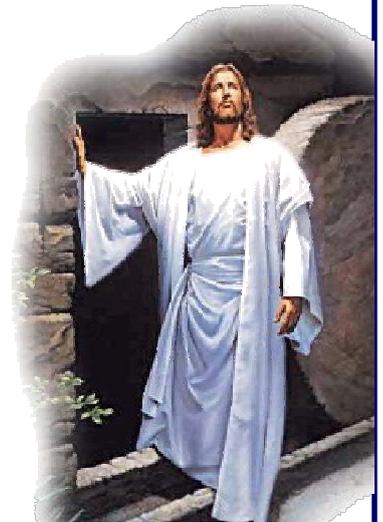
Sunday
9.00am, 11.15am,
Evening Mass
7.30pm

Confession

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

Let us Rejoice. He is Risen!

The glorious Spring days of the past weeks have been warming the earth into life. The Easter miracle is happening in cherry blossoms. Seeds and bulbs awake from their Winter sleep. Shrubs and plants are putting out green shoots and tender leaves. At first light the dawn chorus ushers in the dawn. Those who are in tune with nature can pick up the strong hints of Resurrection around them. With a perfect sense of timing in the northern hemisphere creation and resurrection come together in one great act of birth and rebirth. Commuters in grid-locked traffic and farmers on high-powered tractors miss out on both. Who will roll the stone away?

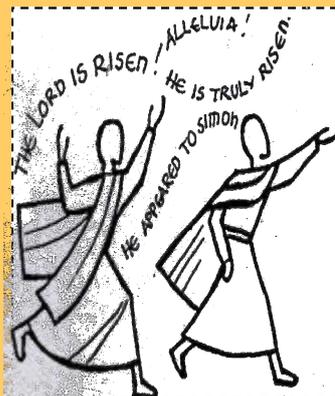


All of us have the capacity to "**resurrect**" others when we love them back to life from rejection and despair. We can help them to emerge from **tombs of isolation** in our listening and our caring. When we admit the light of the Risen Christ into our own dark places we can become "**candles**" of vision and hope for others. A **praying heart** can detect the promise of Spring and Resurrection in the Winter wilderness of the Irish Church.

L.R.

The joy of the resurrection of Our Lord flows over to the next fifty days of the Easter Season until Pentecost Sunday. The chanting of the Alleluia and the lighted Paschal Candle keep alive the solemn and memorable celebration of the Easter Vigil. The biblical readings and prefaces remind us that the risen Christ is always present among us and that we can recognise him in the proclaimed Word and in the breaking of bread that is the Eucharist.

Bible Diary 2016



EASTER HOPE AND HAPPINESS TO ALL!

Masses after Easter

Monday 28th – Friday 1st
10.15am & 4.00pm
No Confessions

Normal times resume

Saturday 2nd April

Masses 8.30am, 10.15am,
& 3.00pm Mass for the Sick
Confessions
10.45-12.00noon
& 2.30pm-4.00pm

Don't forget to return
your Trócaire boxes



With Thanks

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

Congratulations! Fairtrade Hamper

The winner of the Fair trade hamper was Ms Savannah O'Donnell whose dad Dean picked it up for her on Monday.



Prayer in an Empty Tomb

“He is risen; he is not here” (Luke 24:6)

Risen Christ, inject life and hope into the empty places in my heart.

Resurrect the things which have died in me.

Help me to break free from the shrouds which imprison me.

Roll away the stones of despondency.

Awaken me out of the sleep of indifference.

Bring new life- to those who have lost meaning, faith, hope and love,

to those who are living in the clay of broken dreams,

to those who are locked in the tombs of despair and addiction,

to those who are experiencing the emptiness of grief,

to those who are entombed behind boulders and walls of hatred

Transform my empty tomb into a womb of hope and promise.

Help me to rise again with you.

Touch my heart with a spirit of renewal.

Renew this church with the power of your risen life.

Put me in touch with the spirit of recovery and healing.

Lift me out of the valley of darkness.

Lead me to the wellsprings of joy.

Risen Christ, give us the capacity to “resurrect” others,
to love them back to life.

Fr. Liam Ryan

Jubilee Year on Lough Derg

Unique in the world is the Lough Derg Pilgrimage. It is therefore specially placed to enable pilgrims to enter into the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy in a personal and unique way. Pope Francis has placed pilgrimage at the heart of the Jubilee Year and so Lough Derg looks forward to welcoming many, many pilgrims in the course of the Pilgrimage Season in 2016. This year we have the **Jubilee Three Day Pilgrimage** which can begin on any day of the week from Wednesday 1st June until Saturday 13th August. Also the **Jubilee One Day Retreats** with certain dates in May August and September. Why not step away from the routine of the normal day and experience the nurturing peace of Lough Derg.
www.loughderg.org



Let us Pray Together for the Synod

Everyone is invited to pray for our Diocesan Synod.

All are invited to these special liturgies:

Opening Mass:

with Bishop Brendan in St John's Cathedral.

Sunday, April 3rd at 7.00pm

Prayers at all Parish Masses:

Every parish will be praying for the Synod at daily Masses
From Monday 4th April - Thursday 7th and Sunday 10th

Pastoral Area Prayer Service:

On Wednesday, April 6th.

Closing Mass

with Bishop Brendan in St John's Cathedral.

Sunday, April 10th at 7pm

