

St. Augustine's Church  
Limerick



# Easter Sunday 1st April 2018

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**"HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA"**

## Mass times:

### Monday—Friday

7.30am—8.30am—

10.15am— & 4.00pm

### Saturday --

8.30am—10.15am—3.00pm

(Mass for the Sick)

### Sunday—

9.00am, 11.15 am & 7.30pm

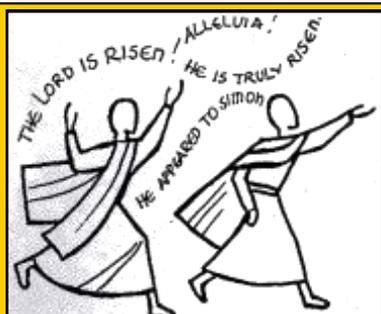
## Confession:

### Monday & Friday

10.45am—12.00 /3.00pm-4pm

### Saturday --

10.45am—12.00 /2.30pm-4pm



## 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 and those who participated in the ceremonies.

Augustinian Community

## 'He is Risen, Alleluia'

**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 in the Risen Lord. Can we too witness to our Faith today like those early Christians?

## 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.

L.Ryan OSA

## 'Choose Life'

During the Spring General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, which takes place this week in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, bishops issued a statement titled 'Our Common Humanity', reaffirming their support for the equal right to life of the unborn. Bishops encouraged the faithful to 'pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.'

In 'Our Common Humanity', bishops said, 'As pastors we are aware that the conversation about unborn life is sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful for many. We offer our reflections with the greatest of respect for everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.' Read more [www.catholicnews.ie](http://www.catholicnews.ie) /[www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

## WMOF Icon Presented to Pope Francis

Our World Meeting of Families Icon is now in Rome!! Two Irish families the Tobin family from Co Kildare and the Bushell Family (who now reside in Rome) presented the official 'Icon of the Holy Family' to Pope Francis in Rome during his weekly General Audience with the faithful in Rome on Wednesday 21st March 2018.

The World Meeting of Families delegation was led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, President of WMOF2018 accompanied by Father Tim Bartlett, Secretary General of WMOF2018 and the Iconographer Mr Mihai Cucu.

All petitions for the WMOF gathered in St. Augustine's are now in the Poor Clare Convent in Ennis where the sisters pray each day for all these prayer intentions. These same petitions will be brought to Dublin in August for this special event.

## Pope Francis Comes to Ireland

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has warmly welcomed the announcement by the Holy Father Pope Francis that he will attend part of the 9th World Meeting of Families which will take place from 21st – 26th August in Dublin on the theme, 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'.

Pope Francis, who is 81 years of age, will arrive in Dublin on Saturday, 25th August, and will take part in the 'Festival of Families' in Croke Park. The Festival of Families is the faith-based cultural concert of the World Meeting of Families six-day programme. The next day, Sunday 26th August, Pope Francis will be the chief celebrant at Holy Mass in the Phoenix Park and this liturgy will bring to a conclusion the World Meeting of Families 2018. Full details of the papal schedule will be released at a later date.

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ABORTION: KILLS ONE,  
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Pro Life Rally  
For All & Family  
Fri April 6<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
Limerick Racecourse  
Your presence is  
needed!  
See you there!

## Choose Life National Newsletter

Issue 9: Now available  
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Support Mothers  
Protect Babies

## St. Augustine's Mass Times After Easter

Monday 2nd–  
10.15am & 4.00pm  
Tuesday 3rd–Friday 6th  
7.30am, 8.30am,  
10.15am & 4.00pm  
Saturday 7th  
Masses 8.30am, 10.15am &  
Mass for the Sick 3pm

Confessions Resume  
Monday 9th April

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