



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 15th May 2022

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Times

Monday-Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

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



St. Augustine's Church

Child Safeguarding
Representatives.

Fr. Noel Hession OSA
Fr. Flor O'Callaghan OSA
Ms Geraldine van Dam
Mr. Robert Ryan
Ms Charlotte Gleeson
Ms Mary Deegan.



John Paul II Awards

Speaking as he presented 50 John Paul II Awards to young people from across the Limerick diocese, Bishop Brendan Leahy said that the young people stepped up during the Covid-19 pandemic to support others and this was particularly **encouraging**. Bishop Leahy said, **"I was delighted to be able to present these John Paul II Awards to such inspirational young people.** The work they have been doing in their local areas is tremendous and brings such richness to their parishes, their local communities and to themselves. For many there is a realisation that young people have a significant role to play in the Church, this gives me great hope for **the future."**

The John Paul II medals were presented by Bishop Leahy at an award ceremony in Scoil Pól in Kilfinane, the first one since the outbreak of Covid-19. The award programme, which is sponsored by the Knights of Saint Columbanus, is coordinated by the pastoral outreach team in the Limerick Diocesan Centre.

Source: Newsletter of the Irish Catholic bishops Conference April 22 issue.

Pray for Peace

Pope Francis has again appealed for peace, entrusting his prayers to Our Lady. **"Spiritually kneeling before the Virgin, I entrust to her the ardent desire for peace of so many people, who in various parts of the world, suffer the senseless disaster of war,"** he said.

The Pope addressed his remarks to men and women of goodwill after the Regina Coeli prayer in Saint Peter's Square at noon.

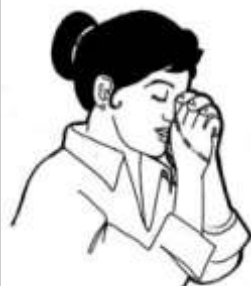
Noting that at this very hour, many faithful gather around the venerated image of Mary in the Shrine of Pompeii, to address to her the Supplication that flowed from the heart of the Blessed Bartolo Longo, he said he too kneels before the Virgin in supplication for the gift of peace.

"To the Blessed Virgin," the Pope said, **"I present in particular the sufferings and tears of the Ukrainian people."**

"In the face of the madness of war, let us continue, please, to pray the Rosary for peace every day."

And, he continued asking for prayers for the leaders of nations: **"That they may not lose their 'feel' for their people who want peace, and know well that weapons will never bring it."**

Source: excerpt from CatholicNews.ie B Drumm/ source: Vatican News Article by L. Bardoni / www.catholicbishops.ie/



Thought for the Day

According to the song, "the greatest thing you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return." In our better moments, we all know this to be the truth about our human being. For believers, it is no surprise that the very thing we need most stands at the centre of the Christian faith: **God is love. The match between our need and God's disclosure is perfect.** If we took that really to heart, many things would change: our practice of prayer, our relationships, our joy in believing, our way of sharing our faith, our living of discipleship. All we need is love. The astonishing servant love of God in Jesus is exactly what we most need.

Prayer

You are love itself and yet we hesitate. Open our inner selves to your gracious loving, that we may ourselves as beloved and being loved we may learn to love in return. Amen.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/SundayReadings



Triduum to St. Rita of Cascia

We celebrate the Feast of St. Rita of Cascia on Monday 23rd May here in St. Augustine's Church. An exceptional Saint a young widow who suffered years at the centre of family feuds in medieval Italy. A young woman yearning to become a religious; a nun in Cascia who bore the thorn of the Crucified; a mystic, whose love for Christ has marked her out as exceptional. As the Saint of the Impossible people pray to her for their many intentions and also for those doing exams.

The Triduum begins on Friday 20th May—finishing Monday 23rd with St. Rita Feast Day and the Blessing of the Roses. Novena prayers will be recited on Friday, Saturday, and Monday at the 10.15am Mass.



St. Rita Exam Prayer

St. Rita, Saint of the Impossible,
bring serenity to my mind and heart
while I take my exams.

Give me a quiet confidence
in my gifts and talents.

Remind me of my dignity and preciousness
in a world where we compete in exams,
for jobs, for a place in life.

Anoint my memory with the power of recall.
Keep me calm on the day of my exams.
May my results be for enrichment of my life
and the education of my heart.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Limerick Bike Week

Saturday 14th May – Sunday 22nd May
Theme '**Communities Cycling Together**'



From free bicycle checks, fun cycles, lunchtime city rides, heritage cycles, school cycling events, bike festivals, road races **and much more, there's something for every age and ability.** National Bike Week is an initiative of the Dept of Transport. For details of events go to—

[what's on limerick.ie.](http://what'sonlimerick.ie/) /events

Limerick Peace Proms

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May at the University Sports Arena, a celebration of youth, live music, and sheer talent. **There's something for everyone!**



Lunchtime Concerts at St. **Mary's Cathedral**

Tuesday 17th May at 1.15pm
Aditja Mukherji (violin) and friends.
Admission Free / Retiring Collection