



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 5th Sunday of Lent

### 26th March 2023

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### Mass Times

Monday-Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am  
Mass for the Sick

3.00pm

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

## Stations of the Cross



JOIN US

Every Wednesday  
For Lent following  
10.15am Mass

### St. Augustine's Church

Child Safeguarding  
Representatives.

Fr. Flor O'Callaghan O.S.A.

Fr. John Lyng O.S.A.

Ms Geraldine van Dam

Mr. Robert Ryan

Ms Charlotte Gleeson

Mr. John Doyle



# Second Burials

I used to read full-page newspaper notices announcing the imminent "second burial" of dignitaries, local and national. These appeared many months, sometimes years, after the last breath was drawn and the actual burial had taken place. The composers of the notices didn't hold back. The greatness of the departed great got the best the dictionary could offer. It was common to read that Her Highness, unsurpassed in virtue and intellect, benefactress *par excellence* of churches ancient or exotic, mother of a great part of the nation's academic and business brilliance, grandmother of the same nation's fantastic future, deservedly decorated with the highest honours God or man could bestow, had - here I quote verbatim -

"Kicked the Bucket. RIP".

There would follow elaborate arrangements for the second burial—the real funeral. Father of the Day, Mother of the Day, Supreme Knight, Chief Launcher and Supporters, Master of Ceremonies, Famous Troupes of Dancers, Traditional Musicians, Doctors, Chiefs and dozens of other stars would be announced by name. No wonder it took months and years to assemble and choreograph, 'though sometimes a whisper said the main reason for long delay was procurement of the necessary cash. Similarly mean-minded hurlers on the ditch sometimes suggested that what caused most tears at the death of an elder was the thought of what it would cost, later or much later. Whatever the cost or the circumstances, the "second burial" had to be celebrated. Failure to do so would mean the departed, no matter how brightly her virtue had shone right up to the day she lashed out at the bucket, would not rest. The consequences of this restlessness might be dire for those left behind.

What about Lazarus? Now there's a man worthy of a second burial. But we hear nothing of it. I wonder, why? Maybe because his return to life is better seen as a sign than as a miracle; a message rather than a piece of magic. (*Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs which God worked through him...". (Acts)*). A message saying there are no total wrecks, no lost causes, no sunk without traces since the launching of the lifeboat Hope.

Lazarus and many others benefitted, and no one suffered, from the wonder-working that attended Jesus's mission on earth. It was a mission of compassion. But the man Jesus, not the miracle, was the message. Miracle-hunters of every hue, take note. "Blessed are they who have not seen and still believe." J.L



## Thought for the day

The historical Jesus was guarded in declaring his identity but by the time the Fourth Gospel was written, Christians had arrived at a rich understanding of the mystery of Jesus, the Son of God. John's Gospel puts before the believer a grand assemblage of 7 I am sentences, rooted in the name of God in Exodus 3:14, I am who I am. I am the bread of life. (John 6:35, 48, 51); I am the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5); I am the gate for the sheep (John 10:7, 9); I am the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14); I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25); I am the way, and the truth, and the life (John 14:6); I am the true vine (John 15:1, 5). We are reminded that we believe first of all in a person, not in a philosophy. Anyone one of these images would take us deeply into our encounter with the Risen Lord, none more so than "I am the resurrection and the life."

**Prayer** Jesus, present to us always, you wept at the tomb of your friend Lazarus. As we face the mystery of death, our own and that of those we love, help us to place our trust in you, the resurrection and the life. Amen. Source: [www.tarsus.ie/Sunday\\_readings](http://www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings)



## LENTEN

### Eucharistic Healing Service:

Confessions, Adoration  
& Anointing of the Sick

St Saviour's Dominican Church Limerick  
on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00pm.

Lenten Bible Study continues this  
Wednesday 29th at St. Saviours Parish  
journeying through the Gospel of Mark.

From 7.30pm– 8.30pm.

(Enter through the side doors on Dominic Street.)



## MASS OF THE SICK

### St. Augustine's Church

Saturday 1st April

With the Anointing of the Sick  
this first Saturday of the month.

## Theology of Tap

March 28th - 7.30pm @ Bobby Byrnes  
With Eamonn Barron

**"And your wound shall be quickly healed"**

Reflections on Faith and Mental Health  
Finger Food Provided



## Tarsus Scripture School

Tarsus Scripture School Easter 2023 /Dr. Kieran O'Mahony O.S.A

In case you're interested and haven't yet registered, our Tarsus Scripture Programme for Holy Week/Easter 2023 went "live" on Monday the 20th of March. This year, we took a day each of the Triduum and looked at the appointed readings All can be explored here: <https://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie/>. The charge per household is just €30. There are two contact events, a meditation and a webinar. The website has been improved and is now easier to navigate.

## Holy Week Ceremonies St. Augustine's Church

No morning Masses on Holy Thursday

Good Friday & Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday 6th April

**Mass of the Lord's Supper 4.00pm**

No other Masses this Day.

Good Friday 7th April

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon

The Passion of our Lord 4.00pm

Holy Saturday 8th April

Easter Vigil 9.00pm

Easter Sunday 9th April

Masses: 9.00am & 11.15am

No evening Mass

## Confessions Holy Week

Monday 3rd, — Wednesday 5th

10.45am-12.00noon

3.00pm-4.00pm

Thursday 6th—Saturday 8th

10.00am —1.00pm

2.00pm—4.00pm



## Lectio for Lent



Lectio Divina continues online this week for Lent. We reflect each week on the Gospel for the following Sunday. This group meets on Thursday at 8pm on Zoom, so you can reflect on the Word of God from the comfort of your own home. It is possible to install free Zoom on your device. If you would like a Zoom invitation please contact — [searchauglim1@gmail.com](mailto:searchauglim1@gmail.com)

You're invited to journey through Holy Week with the monks of Glenstal Abbey at our Easter Retreat 2023, between 6th – 9th April. The ceremonies of the Easter Triduum – the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Celebration of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil – will be accompanied by a series of talks and times for prayer, reflection and table fellowship. Please contact us for more information and for booking at: [events@glenstal.com](mailto:events@glenstal.com) or call 061 621005. Poster on the notice board at the back of the church.