



St. Augustine's Church Limerick Easter Sunday

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9th April 2023

Let us Rejoice. He is Risen!

Mass Times

Monday -Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
3.00pm

(Mass for the Sick)

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



Trust the past to
God's mercy,
the present to God's
love and the future to
God's providence.

St. Augustine

Tomb to Improve

I once heard a bishop say, privately, "our people believe God is good, but they think the devil might not be too bad either". Not to be taken too literally. I think he was saying that however strong our attachment to God, our attachment to other reported powers and to the ground we live on is strong too and we don't easily let it go. The mixture of faith in God and wariness about other possible influences is strong in many. We tend to favour the each-way bet.

I saw an early example in a funeral where I was, or thought I was, officiating. Prayer in the Christian mode and holy water aplenty were deployed. Because of his status, custom and family pride dictated that the man had to be buried in the skins of three of his cows. Consequently the beasts outlived him only by a couple of hours. So attired, he would immediately command respect on arrival at the other side. Otherwise clad, or unclad, the welcoming party might take him to be owner of a few poor sheep or goats and an ass, or less. A man of his standing couldn't change address leaving that matter in doubt.

The beef lately clothed in those skins was cooked for the mourners, not off their grub for grief, at the wake. This told the other side that the departed left no hungry family, friend or neighbour behind.

The grave looked ordinary enough up to, or down to, a point. At that point the diggers proceeded with a small circular hole in the floor of the larger. The local Dermot Bannon's design then took another turn and they began to tunnel in all directions outward from the bottom of the smaller excavation. Careful as archaeologists' curates, they teased earth from the lower level until that chamber was the largest of all. Into this they shoe-horned the now hide-bound corpse. The top of the connecting shaft was sealed off with sticks so that helpful spirits could circulate freely around our man beneath and not get bogged down in clay. His knife, hoe and now-broken pot were given their place in the ritual and tributes were poured to please whom they might. Only then did the displaced earth go back in.



Today's gospel finds Mary Magdalene puzzled in front of another tomb. This one empty, — "we don't know where they've put him." But things would get better. The curtain would soon go up on the eye-opening dramas of the Emmaus Road and the Upper Room and, to cap it all, the blockbusting Pentecost.


J.L.

Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday 16th April
Redemptorist Church
Limerick
Divine Mercy Devotions
Starting 2.30pm - Mass at 4.45pm
Feast of Divine Mercy

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.






May Easter Joy and the hope of the Risen Christ touch all your lives today and always!
 From the Augustinian Community.



Evangelisation & Vocation Conference
Priesthood in a Synodal Church
 April 25th (Feast of St Mark the Evangelist)
 Renshan Hall, Maynooth. 10 am – 4 pm

Keynote Speaker
Archbishop Rino Fisichella
 Pro-Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelization

Panel

				
Wendy Grace Journalist & Broadcaster Moderator	Bishop Phonsie Cullinan Chair of the Irish Bishops' Council for vocations	Fr Brendan Kilcoyne Dean of St. Nicholas Regular Priest/Catechist	Dr Gavin Achevden Former Anglican Priest and Bishop	Jennifer Kehoe Wife and Mother

Further Information & Registration visit the Vocations Website
vocations.ie/conference



World Youth Day

Calling all young adults! The Diocese of Limerick is taking a group to World Youth Day and we want you to come with us!

Open to those aged 18-35, spend just over a week with us in Lisbon, as we meet millions of other young Catholics, hear from Pope Francis, and encounter Christ!

Contact us at 061-350000 or james.connery@limerickdiocese.org for more information or to register!

#WorldYouthDay #WYD #WYD2023 #Lisboa2023

Burren Outdoor Retreat

Sunday 16th to Tuesday 18th April

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites?

Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Contact details on the notice board at the back of the church.

St. Augustine's Church

Mass Times After Easter

Monday 10th - Friday 14th

10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday 15th

10.15am &

Mass for the Sick 3.00pm

Sunday 16th April

9.00am, 11.15am & 7.30pm

Confessions Resume

Monday 17th April

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

The National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 23rd April (2nd wk after Easter).

Full details are available at

www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

For local bus enquiries . . . Details on the notice board at the back of the church.

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