



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

Second Sunday of Easter

16th April 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

Tales of Thomas

You could find a story about Thomas the Apostle anywhere. An account of Marco Polo from the 13th century says Thomas met his death outside his hermitage in **Chennai when a fowler's arrow aimed at a peacock, hit him. There's no mention of how the apostle was dressed at the time. A good defence lawyer would point out that many a churchmen's attire might be mistaken for that of the flashy bird.**

Where was Thomas when Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection? We **don't know. Maybe after the terrible day, Good Friday, he went home to talk to his twin (brother?).** So many deeds and travels were attributed to Thomas that the same self-effacing sibling may have been giving a hand, standing in for him in one place while he laboured in another. **We're familiar with the reaction "There must be two of him."**

There's is a tradition that Thomas sailed to India in AD 52 preach Christ and landed in modern day Kerala state where there was a Jewish community. Several threads of the Christian church claim him as first patron. The St Thomas Christian tradition says he set up *Seven and half churches* in Kerala. But Eusebius of Caesarea reports Origen as saying that Thomas was the apostle to the Parthians — in northern Iran. **That's a stretch. The poet Ephrem the Syrian wrote a hymn in which Thomas's ability to be anyplace at any time, and to do a man-marking job on Old Nick, drove the Devil to tears:**

*Into what land shall I fly from the just?
The Apostle I slew in India overtook me in Edessa;
Here and there he is all himself.
There went I, and there was he:
Here and there to my grief I find him.*

If Thomas lost any kudos by saying "unless I see the holes in his hands..." his later devotees tried a neat little inversion claiming that he was the only witness to Mary's Assumption and the other apostles wouldn't believe it until they saw her empty tomb! They invoked Joseph of Arimathea to support the claim.

Peacocks aside, many sources say Thomas was martyred, that he was—like Jesus—pierced with a lance. One version says local priests stoned and speared him. Since at least the 16th century the national shrine, St. Thomas Mount, in Tamil Nadu, has been a site revered by Hindus, Muslims and Christians. Records from early in that century tell that the tomb was then maintained by a Muslim who kept a lamp burning there. Whatever the precise truth it would be poor reward if Thomas was remembered only tied to the word DOUBTING. He was much more than that. And his half-twin? God knows.



St. Augustine's Church

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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



Thought for Today

How did any of us make the journey towards faith in Christ? No doubt a great part of it is simply what we received—usually from family. At some point, did I make a conscious choice? Perhaps at other times, I felt like walking away from the faith project? What kept me going? Did a more personal ownership of faith result? Perhaps I felt the intuition of John O'Donohue, "Faith is helpless attraction to the divine." In spite of everything, in spite of myself, somehow it is part of who I am.

Prayer Mysterious God, we are those who have seen and at the same time not seen. Help to look beyond the simple gifts of each day to see you the giver behind—and in—every gift. Help us embrace the grace that we may know true blessedness in believing.

Source: www.tarsus.ie /Sunday readings



Divine Mercy Sunday
16th April

Redemptorist Church
Limerick

Divine Mercy Devotions
Will begin at 2.30pm
Mass at 4.45pm

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a screening
of the Laudato Si' Film:

THE LETTER

A Message for our Earth

Cratloe Community Hall V95FD3D

Friday 21st April 2023 @ 8pm.

Free Event



DWELLING IN THE PRESENT, LIVING IN THE PRESENCE:

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING



Over the retreat Br. Richard Hendrick, OFM Cap. will introduce us to the path and practice of meditative prayer in the Christian tradition and offer practical advice drawn from the teaching of the saints and mystics of the Church to help us live in the present moment, while always aware of the presence of God.

6:30 PM FRIDAY, 9 JUNE - 2:00 PM SUNDAY, 11 JUNE
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COST: €180 (FULL BOARD)

Br. Richard Hendrick is a priest-friar of the Irish branch of the Capuchin Franciscan Order. For Br. Richard, poetry is tool for living a contemplative life in the heart of the world. He is the author of the viral meditation on the good to be found in the midst of the pandemic, "Lockdown", and "Still Points: A Guide to Living the Mindful, Meditative Way".

Reserve your spot by contacting: eamonn.fitzgibbon@mic.ul.ie

'Mission Possible'

On Sunday April 16th 2023 at 07:00h Documentary on Newstalk airs the premiere of **'MISSION POSSIBLE'** produced by Grainne McPolin, tells the fascinating story of five Irish women religious who worked in the missions abroad; why these women chose the life that they did and the challenges they faced not only on their missionary posting but also the difficulties encountered on return home to Ireland

BROADCAST TIMES: 'Mission Possible' will be broadcast on Newstalk 106-108fm on Sunday 16th April 2023 at 7am and again on Saturday 22nd April 2023 at 9pm

PODCAST: 'Mission Possible' podcast available on all major podcast platforms from 8am 16th April 2023
www.newstalk.com/documentaryonnewstalk

Notices:

- The Annual Church Gate Collection for Milford Hospice will take place after all Masses next Sunday 23rd April.
- You can now return your Trocaire Boxes to the Pastoral Office or to any of the community. Thank you for your support.
- Confessions resume tomorrow and daily Masses at usual times.