



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 5th Sunday of Easter 7th May 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



## 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



## Which Way?

You'd think Jeremiah was playing up to his gloomy image when he said "*A curse on the man who puts his trust in man.*" Still, some unfortunates would say he hit the nail on the head. For example, the three tourists wanting to see the Ahmed Awa waterfall. Trying to follow the well-meant directions of locals they strayed into Iran and disappeared. Long afterwards we read of them "*Sarah was let go 14 months later on humanitarian grounds.*" *Fattal and Bauer were convicted of illegal entry 2 years later and sentenced to 8 years in prison.*

We're lucky to live in a little country bounded by water, unlikely to suffer as they did for going astray. That's unless our new border turns out harder than the hardest hankered after by the most brazen Brexiteer.

But finding our way on our own little bit of land poses its own challenges. When we're not sure which way to go the sign-post is welcome indeed. Follow its direction and you can't go wrong. That's unless some local wit has exercised his comic genius by turning the sign around sending us away from our intended end. In places where the culture has not developed in this way the signpost is unmolested and sends us the right growing until a T-junction without of any sign, right, left or wrong, plunges us back into the land of the lost.

Many city and town councils think signposts look bare and unbeautiful, so they plant trees in front of them or shrubs which soon produce beautiful fronds to enfold them. If we want to access the information here we part the foliage and climb the post to read its sign. Oft-times we have to revert to the oldest method and ask the way. People are willing to help but this is not as simple as it used to be.

Many of today's pedestrians in our cities are new arrivals

and so unable to pilot us to harbour. Meet one born around the place, familiar with the locality, and your directions—even if you understand them - are rounded off with the dreaded "you can't miss it". This after you've spent the last 30 minutes missing it. Today they'll tell you the Sat-Nav is your only man. But isn't that a bit un-human, mechanical? Might as well get into a parcel and be posted.

When Thomas said "How can we know the way?" Jesus didn't give him a route plotted by Sat-Nav.

Accepting "I am the Way..." still involves a good bit of signpost reading and an odd visit to a cul-de-sac. It takes in much travel with vehicles showing signs of dirt in the petrol and some night-driving when the lights are not great. It often requires dealing with some who seem to be going in the opposite direction and sometimes a sneaking fear that they might be right. Above all it demands a good bit of going back to ask the Way and look at the one who claimed to be it., how he travelled and rested, fasted and feasted; how he dealt with the big and the small, the right and the wrong. And did he say "You can't miss it".

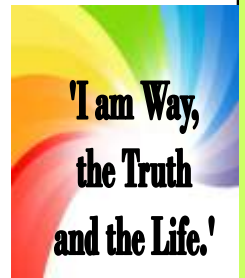
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# Thought for the Day

Jesus is already now, today, our way, our truth and our life. As the Gospel says, to have eternal life is to believe in him whom God has sent (Jn 5:24; 17:3). This is a reality for us now and it guides our life, in matters great and small. At the core of this reality is trust, that is, the capacity to entrust all that we have and are to the living God and to his Son, raised from the dead. It is not an accident that the verb "to believe" occurs no fewer than ninety eight times in the Fourth Gospel.

Prayer: You gave us Jesus, the Word made flesh as Mediator, and he has spoken your words to us and called us to follow him. He is the way that leads us to you, the truth that sets us free, the life that fills us with gladness. Amen. Source: [www.tarsus.ie/readings](http://www.tarsus.ie/readings)



## Triduum of Our Lady of Limerick

Come join us at St. Saviour's Dominican Church to celebrate the Triduum of Our Lady of Limerick from May 25th - 28th. There will be many events over the weekend including a Young Adult Pizza Night & Discussion, Family Festival, Gala Concert & World Youth Day Bake Sale! Each day there will be opportunity for Mass, Confession, Adoration & Benediction and we will be joined by Fr Columba Mary OP for the Triduum. More details on the notice board at the back of the church.

## Cathedrals at Night - 13th May at St. Mary's Cathedral

A campaign that invites visitors to see our historic sacred spaces in a new light. A number of Cathedrals across Europe will offer visitors a Cathedral at Night experience where those of all ages can immerse themselves in the culture and spirituality of these beautiful buildings and enjoy a taste of cathedral life for free. Beginning at 4pm in St. Mary's Cathedral on the 13th May & with more details on the poster at the back of the church.

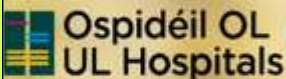
## LECTIO ONLINE - FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

Lectio Divina is continuing online. The group will continue to meet to look at Sunday readings from now until Pentecost. If you would like to join us, please send your email address to [searchauglim1@gmail.com](mailto:searchauglim1@gmail.com) and a Zoom invitation will issue to you. All are welcome.



## LIMERICK BEREAVEMENT NETWORK

IN CONJUNCTION WITH



LIMERICK  
Mental Health  
Association




Milford Care Centre  
Under the auspice of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit


**Date 8th May: Living with Loss,  
a bereavement and support evening**

Location CERC building UHL:  
7:00pm-9:00pm

This event is for all people who are bereaved.  
All are welcome to join regardless of how long  
ago your loss occurred or where your person  
died.

To book your place please go to:  
[www.eventbrite.com/cc/limerick-bereavement-network-1761579](http://www.eventbrite.com/cc/limerick-bereavement-network-1761579)  
or Scan the QR CODE

 [info@limerickmentalhealth.ie](mailto:info@limerickmentalhealth.ie)

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## Fatima Five First Saturdays



June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th,  
September 2nd, October 7th  
**Our Lady and St. Kevin's Church**  
Littleton, Co. Tipperary.  
Confessions - Rosary - Mass 9am  
Celebrant: Fr. John Littleton

Live stream <https://www.churchservices.tv/littleton>

## Thank You!

Milford Care Centre would like to thank the parishioners/congregation most sincerely for contributing to the Church Gate Collection which took place recently. The amount raised at St. Augustine's Church was **€840.26**

We at Milford Care Centre are grateful for all the support we receive. Your contribution makes it possible for us to improve and develop our In-patient and Community Specialist Palliative Care services at Milford Care Centre and to place funds to maximise patient comfort and care.

Thanks again for your continued support.