



St. Augustine's Church Limerick 27th April 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times

Monday-Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
3pm Mass of 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

Doubting Thomas and Wrong Way Corrigan

In 1928 Lindbergh, with huge support, flew his machine across the Atlantic. Ten years later, with no support, Douglas Corrigan, a mechanic who assembled his own plane from bits and pieces, said he would do likewise. The authorities said you will not. Being days of innovation and experiment, they would allow him fly a bit over solid ground alright but to take his jalopy up over water was out to the question. Interpreting the "fly a bit over land" liberally he cobbled more fuel tanks onto his machine and flew from California to New York. He re-fuelled for the return and took off at night, more or less when no one was looking. He explained later that being dark and cloudy, he misread his compass and landed 28 hours later in Baldonnell, Co Dublin, Ireland. When the news broke in the U.S. he was dubbed Wrong-Way Corrigan. The New York Post head-lined the story NAGIRROC YAW GNORW LIAH.

A writer called Bierce said "For everyone there is something in the vocabulary that would stick to him like a second skin. His enemies have only to find it." Perhaps proving his point, for the tenor of his writing he came to be known as Bitter Bierce.

Another who acquired a stubbornly adhesive name was Thomas the Apostle, aka Doubting Thomas.

Whether it was friend or foe who named Corrigan and Thomas, the names stuck. And if Corrigan was a great traveller, Thomas seems to have been greater. A huge number and variety of Christian communities have appropriated Thomas as their saint. There's a strong tradition that Thomas sailed to India in AD 52 to spread the Christian faith in what's now Kerala state where there was a Jewish community. The *St Thomas Christian tradition* says he set up *Seven and a half churches* in Kerala. But Eusebius of Caesarea reports Origen as saying that Thomas was the apostle to the Parthians — in northern Iran! There are even some who claim Thomas brought the gospel to Paraguay! Another distinction awarded Thomas by his later admirers was that on his way to India he happened to meet the MAGI. You're free to believe that. Whatever the truth it is clear Thomas was popular with many far-flung Christian communities. They blessed their local church with his name.

St. Ephrem reports that St Thomas made a deep impression, and indeed brought deep depression, upon the opponent in the other corner, the Devil. Ephrem put pained words into the mouth of Old Nick himself:

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.

St. Thomas Mount, Tamil Nadu, has long been revered by Hindus, Muslims and Christians. 16th century records say the tomb was then tended by a Muslim who kept a lamp burning. It would be poor reward if Thomas was remembered only with the word DOUBTING sticking to him like a second skin. And isn't he the one who got the answer "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life". No Wrong-Way-Thomas there! J.L

All are welcome



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





Rest in Peace


We join with people around the world in sadness over the death of Pope Francis, and in deep gratitude for his life of service to our Church and to all of God's people. He inspires us all to live for others when he proclaims: "Life is good when you are happy. But life is better when others are happy because of you." May we do our best to follow his example to create a community where all are welcome.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, and for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide our church and our world to peace.



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HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL LIMERICK

7:30-8:30pm
 19 FEBRUARY
 19 MARCH
 30 APRIL
 21 MAY

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March for *Life*

Bank Holiday
 Monday 5th May at 2pm
 From Newman University Church
 side of St. Stephen's Green



Burren Outdoor Retreat Saturday 17th– Monday 19th May

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.

Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Des 085 1614951

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April

Redemptorist Church
Mount St. Alphonsus
Limerick

Divine Mercy Devotions
Starting 2.30pm - Mass at 4.45pm

Riverfest 2025

Limerick's biggest festival Riverfest takes place this coming May Bank Holiday weekend. Embracing the scenic River Shannon, with the Riverfest Village located in Arthur's Quay Park showcasing delicious artisan food, a treat for all the family. Sunday 4th May the Regeneron Great Limerick Run starts at 9am from the Peoples park and finishes on O'Connell St. Later that evening enjoy Riverfest Spectacular Fireworks Display at 10.15pm with viewing points from Clancy Strand and Sarsfield Bridge. Please note traffic restrictions will be in place for the Limerick Run. More details of Riverfest 2025 at Riverfest.ie