



Our Lady of the
Rosary Parish

Limerick

Parish Newsletter
[published online]

11th April 2021

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

During the Easter Octave, the central theme is that of forgiveness, as exemplified by Christ's death and resurrection, for our sake. This mystery of faith has greater emphasis since the year 2000, when Pope St. John Paul II issued a decree that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth have the words 'Divine Mercy Sunday' added to its title.

In this way, we are reminded of God's love for His people, as shown in the sacrifice of Jesus, His Son, and as commemorated with thanksgiving at Mass. The visions of and revelations to Sr. M. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun of the 1920 and 30s, as recorded in her extensive diaries, serve to remind us of the need for God's mercy and compassion.

This Sunday, Pope Francis will celebrate Mass and recite the Regina Caeli Prayer at the church of Santo Spirito in Sassia, Rome. This church, which houses relics of both St. Faustina and St. John Paul II, has a special sanctuary dedicated to Divine Mercy.

[Sources: Catholic Bishops Conference; Irish Catholic; Marian Fathers; Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy]

Coronavirus Vaccination

The HSE vaccination programme is proceeding apace.

People aged 70 years and older are being vaccinated against Covid-19, working down according to age. Usually, this is done at the GP surgery. If you cannot leave home, other arrangements can be made. If you feel your turn has been missed, call your GP to check.

Those who are fully vaccinated for two weeks, from two households, may now meet each other indoors.

Coronavirus Restrictions

Some easing of restrictions has been announced by government. Details taken from government website:

From 12th April, all classes will return to school; two households may meet outdoors but not in their gardens; we may travel within the county or within 20 km from home; residential construction resumes.

From 26th April, outdoor sports facilities and outdoor visitor attractions will be reopened; maximum attendance at funerals will be increased to 25.

The reopening of religious services from 4th May, on a phased basis, is under consideration.

Visiting the Church

The Church remains closed during Mass time and is private for funerals. Otherwise, it is open from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm from Mon. to Sat. for individual visits and personal prayer. You may enter by the side door near the Sacristy. Please use the hand sanitiser, wear a face covering, and observe social distancing.

The letter box on the inner door of the Sacristy may be used to return collection envelopes and to arrange Masses for anniversaries and other intentions. We continue to celebrate Mass at the usual times but without a congregation. All Masses are streamed live.

Funeral Masses are streamed live because of limits on attendance in person. If a member of the bereaved family cannot view a Mass at the time of broadcast, we may be able to obtain a recording for later viewing provided we have advance notice of about 24 hours.

Mass Intentions

Sat 10 th Apr	18:00	Bridie, Willie & Michael Ryan (A)
Sun 11 th Apr	10:00 11:30	Tom Corbett (A) Mary Casserly (A)
Mon 12 th Apr	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 13 th Apr	10:00	Purgatorial Mel Carmody (A) Kathleen & John Tierney (A)
Wed 14 th Apr	10:00	
Thu 15 th Apr	10:00	Imelda O'Connor (1 st A.)
Fri 16 th Apr	10:00	Family of Liam Marnell John & Sarah McNamara (A)
Sat 17 th Apr	18:00	Willie, Bridie, Michael & Sarah Ryan (A)
Sun 18 th Apr	10:00 11:30	Moira Gallagher (A)

Recently Deceased

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret (Margie) Ryan, who died recently. Rest in peace.

Easters Dues & Collections

We have a few batches of envelopes for Easter Dues left in the Church. It would be greatly appreciated if someone could take them for delivery in Mayorstone Drive, Cliftonville, Clifton Court and Oakdale Court. Single envelopes are also available in the porch.

Some boxes with individual envelopes for the Weekly Collection also remain in the Church. Donations for Trócaire and for St. Vincent de Paul may be returned to the Sacristy at this time.