



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices 14th April 2024

Third Week of Easter

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Apr. 14 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
	12.30pm	Michael Scott (1 st anniversary) & Maeve Scott (6 th anniversary); John McDermott (21 st anniv.) & Mona McDermott (8 th anniv.); Pat Treacy (month's mind)
	5.30pm	Deceased members of the Royal British Legion, Limerick
Mon. Apr. 15 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Tue. Apr. 16 th	10.30am	Marie Fitzpatrick (2 nd anniversary); Denis Harrington (anniversary)
Wed. Apr. 17 th	10.30am	Peggy & Philip Naughton
Thur. Apr. 18 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Fri. Apr. 19 th	10.30am	pro populo
Sat. Apr. 20 th	10.30am	Joe Connolly (9 th anniversary)
Sun. Apr. 21 st	10.30am	Bridget Dundon (20 th anniversary)
	12.30pm	Christina Allen (née Downes) month's mind; Eric (9 th anniversary) & Florence (8 th anniversary) Lynch; Michael Boland (3 rd anniversary) & his grandson Paul Considine (14 th anniversary); Catherine Liston (11 th anniversary)
	5.30pm	Seán Carey (2 nd anniversary); Jeremiah Cahill (2 nd anniversary)

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **Macy-Rae Hanley**, daughter of Elaine and Michael. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

If you have not yet returned your *Trócaire Box* we should be very much obliged if you would bring it in at your earliest available opportunity as we want to forward the value to Trócaire.

Please, Le do Thoil, Por Favor, S'il vous Plaît, Bitte, Per Favore, Proszę, कृपया

YEAR OF VOCATIONS TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD: TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST

"Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest."

-St. Francis of Assisi

"He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home."

- John 19

[From the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TakeTheRiskForChrist>]

A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR 120 YEARS

This year, we are commemorating 120 years of God's faithfulness to us here at St. Joseph's. This special occasion calls for a special celebration! Please join us at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st May for the 120th Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Brendan Leahy.

At the dedication of our church in April 1904, the then Bishop of Limerick, Dr Edward Thomas O'Dwyer stated "It was, or rather would be, a fine church, simple in its outlines, massive, monumental in its architecture, as every church should be, being a symbol of the Church of God, built upon a rock and lasting for all time."

St Joseph's was originally used as a chapel of ease for St Michael's parish church in order to accommodate the increased population of the parish. With further population growth the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes was formed from part of St Michael's in 1963 as were St Joseph's and St Saviour's parishes in 1973.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

▶ When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?

▶ Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend, or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?

▶ Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.

▶ The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?

John Byrne OSA on <https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/21012/intercom-lens-of-the-gospel/>

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Apr 13: Jesus knows us and loves us. If we remain in Him, we should not fear because every cross will be transformed into resurrection, every sadness into hope, and all mourning into dancing. #EasterSeason

Apr 12: Life can be filled with contradictions, frustrated desires, broken dreams, and lost friendships. Yet, the Resurrection of Jesus allows us to believe that all will be redeemed. #EasterSeason



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