



St. Joseph's Church O'Connell Avenue, Limerick Church Notices 7th April 2024

Second Week of Easter

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Apr. 7 th	10.30am	Jim Nealon (month's mind); Mary Kelly (9 th anniversary); Richard O'Shaughnessy (23 rd anniversary)
	12.30pm	Anne McNamara & all deceased members of the McNamara family & also remembering her brother Ben & sister Angela Keogh (both living); Tim Frawley (anniversary); Michael Healy (34 th anniversary); Paddy & Mary Hannan, & Gerard
	5.30pm	Intentions of Clergy
Mon. Apr. 8 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Tue. Apr. 9 th	10.30am	Mary & Patrick Keely (anniversaries); Edward & Rose Fitzgerald (birthday remembrance)
Wed. Apr. 10 th	10.30am	pro populo
Thur. Apr. 11 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Fri. Apr. 12 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
Sat. Apr. 13 th	10.30am	Anna Lynch née Donnellan (month's mind)
Sun. Apr. 14 th	10.30am	Intentions of Clergy
	12.30pm	Michael Scott (1 st av.) & Maeve Scott (6 th av.); John McDermott (21 st av.) & Mona McDermott (8 th av.); Pat Treacy (month's mind)
	5.30pm	Deceased members of the Royal British Legion, Limerick

RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Christian Community baby **Hollie Rose Sheehan**, daughter of Hazel and Jack, and **Jayda Marie Curran**, daughter of Stacey and Luke. We pray that the Holy Family watch over and guide them and all of those whom we welcome into this Christian community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families and pray for the repose of the souls of **Ger Hickey**, St. Joseph's Street, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here on last Wednesday, April 3rd, **Daniel (Danny) McCormack**, Roxboro Road whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here on last Friday, April 5th and **Pat Owens**, Reading, Berkshire, UK and formerly of Lifford Gardens, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here yesterday, Saturday, April 6th. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION (APRIL)

For the Role of Women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A beautiful glimpse into the life of St. Faustina may be seen on the clip [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DT5nRELhA6U&t=15s>] from the award-winning movie *Faustina: The Apostle of Divine Mercy*, recently released by Ignatius Press. The film is based on St. Faustina's "Diary" and tells the story of the Polish nun who received powerful messages from Jesus. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina frequently throughout her life and used her as way to transmit the message of His Divine Mercy to others. In her diary, St. Faustina describes in detail the image of Mercy that Christ instructed her to have painted. *"The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who dwells in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."* (Diary 299) In 1934 St. Faustina and her spiritual advisor sought out Eugeniusz Kazimirowski to paint the image. Jesus insisted when the work was completed that it be placed in chapels and venerated throughout the world. He promised that many graces would come for those who meditated on this beautiful image.

(from article by Becky Roach on <https://catholic-link.org/everything-you-need-to-know-about-divine-mercy-sunday/>)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT MOUNT ST. ALPHONSUS (REDEMPTORISTS)

Devotions will run from 2.30pm to 5.45pm, with Holy Mass (celebrant Fr John Walshe) at 4.45pm. Devotions will also include confession, veneration of the Image of Mercy and veneration of the Relics of St Faustina. See Poster at the back of the Church.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Usually the celebration of the Annunciation to Mary is held on 25th March, (nine months before Christmas). This year, since 25th March was the Monday of Holy Week, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, 8th April

POPE FRANCIS ON X

Apr 5: Tomorrow is #DivineMercy Sunday. May we never doubt God's love for us, but rather entrust our lives and the world to the Lord with trust and perseverance. Let us ask Him for a just #Peace for those nations that are martyred by war.

Apr 5: The joy of the Gospel consists in this: that God loves us with tenderness and mercy. We are called to make this joyful message resound throughout the world, testifying to it with our lives. May everyone discover the beauty of the love of God manifested in Jesus.

Apr 4: Jesus was not risen only for Himself, but for all of us. He redeemed all the happiness which has remained unfulfilled in our lives. Faith casts out fear, and Christ's resurrection removes sadness, just as the stone was removed from the tomb.

Apr 3: I reiterate my firm call for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. I express my deep sorrow for the volunteers.



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