



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 4th Sunday of Lent

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### Mass Times

Monday -Friday

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

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am  
3.00pm

(Mass for 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



## Mother's Day Reflection

Used to be known as Mothering Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent – time of gladness and rejoicing as we approach the Joys of Easter. Chiefly because the influence of USA it is now Mother's Day. The heart of the Special Day is filled with the spirit of the Gospels – Love, Respect, Thanks, Appreciation, and Honour to our Mothers, who have been given by God their exceptional role for humanity. Our prayers to day reach out to all mothers, and of course our own individual mothers and the mothers of Limerick. ML

God touching a mother in the miracle of her new-born baby,  
in her child's love-hearts on a card  
for **"the best Mammy in the world"**

Burnt toast in bed from a seven year old.

Candles of thanksgiving for a child's recovery.

First Communion faces full of grace.

Tearful mothers in our Peace Garden.

Pleading eyes raised to Padre Pio.

Care-worn mothers outside courts and prisons,  
ever faithful to prodigal sons and daughters.

Swords of sorrow piercing hearts.

Mothers alone, deserted, separate

Good Friday and Easter Sunday on their faces

Liam Ryan OSA



## Spring Garden - Meditation

The human spirit is like a Spring garden. If growth is to happen, it must be made ready. Coming out of Winter, the soil can be dense and solid. It needs to be opened up to the Spring rain. It needs to be turned over so the air and light can penetrate it. Soil that is open creates space for seeds to grow. Fresh green shoots can come through to the surface. Like the soil, the human spirit must be opened up to growth, rebirth, to new life– open to being watered by the surprising love of God. Nothing prevents personal transformation more than a closed mind or heart.

Our inner garden has great potential for growth when it is turned over and seeded with hope and trust. Spring invites us to be open to change and surprise, open to the miracle of "resurrection" in our churches, in our communities, and in our lives.



# Free Public Lectures

**The Irish Institute for Catholic Studies (IICS)** would like to invite you to two free public lectures:

Prof. Gareth Byrne (DCU) a national expert on religious education and author of the National Directory will give a public lecture in Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick, on Wednesday April 3rd at 5.00 in Mary Immaculate College, Room JHN 205 on „Rediscovering the mission of Catholic schools in a plural society“ All welcome. Free event. Light refreshments provided.



Michael Harding , writer, columnist, actor and public figure will give a free public talk and reading from his work in Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick on Wednesday April 10th at 5.30 in Room LG9 on Wednesday April 10th on „Religion is like art; it’s rarely practiced well“. All welcome. Light

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# Thought for the Day

Both sons have misconstrued the relationship with their father. The older son wants to relate on a basis of servile loyalty (allegorically, the Law). The younger son, on his return, wishes to relate on the basis of confession of sin and desires to be treated as a slave. The father rejects both projections. Servile loyalty and guilt are not unknown in the Christian tradition!

## Prayer

Abba, Father, show us your compassion and let us know your love. Amen.

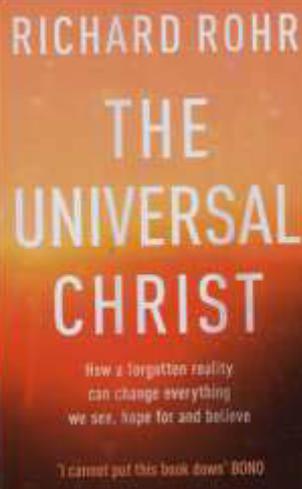


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## Desert Days

A day of quiet prayer, & reflection.

**Saturday April 13th,**  
Westbourne, Ashbourne Ave  
Tel Sr. Phyllis **087 9636893**  
Cost €20 Inc Light Lunch.



## Book of the Month

The Universal Christ, long awaited. This landmark book invites us to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is. Richard Rohr has helped millions realize what is at stake in matters of faith and spirituality. Yet, until now, he has never written on the most perennially talked about topic in Christianity: Jesus.

We may feel we know who Jesus was, but who was Christ? Available in the Abbey Bookshop. €11.99

## MORNING PRAYER AT ST. JOHN PAUL II ORATORY

All those wishing to enter more intensively in prayer this Lent are invited to weekday morning prayers at 9:30am (Mon-Fri) in the Crescent Shopping Centre Oratory. Chanted Psalms of the Lauds - Office of Readings - Time for Silent Prayer

## Knock Mercy Sunday

Knock Shrine will host their 37th Annual Mercy Sunday celebrations this Divine Mercy Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Most Reverend, Archbishop Michael Neary, will serve as chief celebrant and homilist at the 3.00pm Mass in Knock Basilica on the day.

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