



St. Augustine's Church Limerick Fifth Sunday of Easter

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19th May 2019

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



St. Augustine's Church

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Triduum to St. Rita of Cascia



I am sure you have noticed that when suffering comes our way we can be helped by people who have experienced the same kind of trouble. A young widow left alone to provide for three small children will be encouraged by the advice and support of a friend who has survived a similar bereavement. One who has coped with losing his job can help us if we are declared redundant. That is why St. Rita can be such a help to us.

In her life she faced most of the kinds of suffering that come our way. Three times she had to endure the pain of a family death: first of her husband- and here there was the added grief that he had been murdered- then that of her two sons. Rita knows too what illness involves: she was bedridden for the last four years of her life, and had suffered for fourteen years from the mysterious wound caused **by the thorn from our Saviour's crown of thorns. She knew the pain of unhappiness in the home: her husband was a difficult character and not particularly pious. It saddened Rita that her sons followed their father's bad example. Rita patiently put up with the disappointments she met. Although she had wanted as a young girl to enter a convent, she obediently accepted her parents plan for her to marry. Later when as a widow she applied for admission to the convent she was refused three times before at last being accepted.**

When Rita was approximately sixty years of age, while meditating before an image of Christ crucified. Suddenly, a small wound appeared on her forehead, as though a thorn from the crown that encircled **Christ's head had loosened itself and penetrated her own flesh.** For the next fifteen years she bore this external sign of union with Christ.

It is said that near the end of her life Rita was bedridden at the convent. While visiting her, a cousin asked if she desired anything from her old home. Rita responded by asking for a rose from the garden. It was January, and her cousin did not expect to find one due to the season. However, when her relative went to the house, a single blooming rose was found in the garden, and her cousin brought it back to Rita at the convent. St. Rita is often depicted holding roses or with roses nearby. Join us for this special Triduum to St. Rita beginning tomorrow Monday 20th and finishing with the Feast of St. Rita and the Blessing of the Roses on Wednesday 22nd.



Urn in which the body of the wondermaking Saint Rita is kept

One Day Retreats on Lough Derg

The popular One Day Retreats— now in their 28th year— continue to facilitate a wide range of people who would want to come on pilgrimage to Lough Derg. On a One Day retreat experience shoes remain on and a light lunch is served.

A day for busy people who would really appreciate a break away from what may feel like relentless routine, and for those who already value the time they can find in life for the deeper things. The One Day Retreats offer encouragement and support for the journey. You will return home refreshed.

Retreat Dates: May: Tues 21st, Sat 25th, Sun 26th, Mon 27th. The retreat programme runs 10.30am-4.30pm (pilgrims arrive from 9.15am). Advance booking is essential. For more details and dates for August and September visit www.loughderg.org/ 071 9861518/ Admission €45

Source: Lough Derg 2019 Season booklet

Thought for Today

According to the song, "the greatest thing you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return." In our better moments, we all know this to be the truth about our human being. For believers, it is no surprise that the very thing we need most stands at the centre of the Christian faith: God is love. The match **between our need and God's disclosure is perfect.** If we took that really to heart, many things would change: our practice of prayer, our relationships, our joy in believing, our way of sharing our faith, our living of discipleship. All we need is love. The astonishing servant love of God in Jesus is exactly what we most need.



Prayer You are love itself and yet we hesitate. Open our inner selves to your gracious loving, that we may ourselves as beloved and being loved we may learn to love in return.

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Voices from across the Water

Temple College Chorale from Texas in the United States will perform a concert of American, European and Irish music in aid of the Sarnelli House Orphanage on Monday 20th May at 8pm at Mount St Alphonsus Church of the Redemptorists, (Reds) South Circular Road, Limerick. A programme of traditional folk songs, Irish melodies, spirituals, and light operetta is in store, presented by 35 singers aged 18 + years who are making their Irish debut. Entrance is free with a retiring collection.

Lunchtime Concert St. Mary's Cathedral

Santa Ignace (piano) plays music by Chopin for this Lunchtime Concert on Wednesday 22nd May at 1.15pm. Admission Free.

Saturday 25th May at 8pm St. Mary's Cathedral is proud to host again Limerick Sinfonia with the Ancor Chamber Choir and soloists.

Africa Day Limerick

Limerick's strong and vibrant African community will be celebrating their rich and varied culture and heritage as part of Africa Day 2019. Events will take place throughout the city from Monday 20th –Sun 26th May. There will be a Family Fun Day next Sunday 26th at the Limerick Milk Market. For more info www.africaday.ie/limerick/

Kids Arts & Craft Club

Encouraging Kids to learn new skills while involved in a fun project.

Sunday 19th May
Hunt Museum from 2.30pm

Admission €3 per child.

Suitable for 4- 8year olds