



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick

## 4th Sunday of Lent

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## 22nd March 2020

### Mass Times

All Masses Live  
Streamed only.

Monday—Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,  
& 4.00pm

10.15am Cancelled

SATURDAY

8.30am,

SUNDAY

9.00am, 11.15am

& 7.30pm

Live Streamed

CONFESSIONS

Cancelled

## We turn to our Lady of Perpetual Help

Limerick Redemptorist rector, Fr Seamus Enright said ‘the people of Limerick have invoked the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in times of difficulty for more than 150 years’.

A candle of intercession was lit by Bishop Brendan Leahy during St Patrick’s Day Mass in the Redemptorists Church on St Patrick’s Day. Prayers were said at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for those suffering from the Covid-19 pandemic and for those who are on the frontline fighting it.

‘We are now in a time of great need not just here in Limerick but across the world due to the Covid-19 pandemic

—At such times we turn to Our Lady and the lighting of the candle is Bishop Leahy’s invitation to the faithful to take part in the nationwide Novena in this time of COVID-19 crisis,’ said Fr Enright.

The Novena will culminate with the **Consecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25th , the Feast Day of the Annunciation.**

Source: Extract / Full story at [www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)

## Prayer of Consecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Health of the Sick, at this time of great challenge to our country from the Coronavirus, we consecrate to Jesus through your Immaculate Heart: ourselves, our family, the members of our parish and Diocese, and the people of Ireland.

O Mary, Queen of Ireland, when you appeared at Knock, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and brought them comfort in a time of sorrow.

Be with us now as a sign of salvation and hope, as we entrust ourselves to your loving care.

We renew the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation and ask your intercession that we may be always faithful to Christ and to His Church.

Bring under your mantle of protection all those who are suffering because of the Coronavirus, and those who care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

O Loving Mother, at the foot of the Cross, with steadfast faith, your Immaculate Heart was pierced by grief at the suffering of your Son. You know what we need during these difficult days.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us - He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

O Blessed Mother, Our Life, our Sweetness and Our Hope, we wish that this Consecration be for the glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus your Son. A Naomh-Mhuire, a Mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois agus ar uair ár mbáis. Amen

Source and more details at : [www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)





Our warmest wishes and blessings are extended to all mothers and on this Mother's Day. Spare a thought and a prayer for mothers who are separated, deserted or divorced. It can be a difficult day for them and for those who have lost a mother through death or tragedy.

God, our Loving Father,  
 You compare your own love for your people  
 with the love of a mother for her children.  
 Look with kindness on  
 all mother today.  
 Bless and reward them for their  
 motherly care. AMEN

## Thought for the Day

How we respond to pressure can vary very much from person to person. In John's Gospel, there are two related stories of people being healed, one in chapter 5 and the other in chapter 9, today's reading. The man at the pool eventually betrays Jesus. The man born blind resists pressure and even grows on the strength of it. Part of his energy comes from his experience— no matter what others may say about Jesus, he himself once was blind and now he sees! His courageous attachment to what he knows from his personal encounter with Jesus leads eventually to a full act of faith.

### Prayer

Faithful God, you call us to be faithful even in times of trial. Teach us to embrace the challenge of faith today, that we may have the courage to grow and give courage to others by our witness. Source: [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)



### Prayer to St. Roch

O God, who through an angel promised St. Roch that who-so-ever should invoke his name would be preserved from all pestilence and contagious diseases, Grant through his intercession that we may be preserved from all dangers both of soul and body through Christ our Lord Amen.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave or forsake you."  
 Deuteronomy 31:6



## A Big Thank You

2019 was a big year for Team Hope as they celebrated the 10th Annual Shoebox Appeal since their founding. They also had another landmark moment—delivering their 2 millionth shoebox. That's 2 million smiles you've been able to put on children's faces.

2019 they received a record-breaking 270,488 shoeboxes which have been delivered to children in 13 countries across Africa and Eastern Europe.

So, thank you to every single one of you who packed a shoebox last year. Every shoebox is special and you've helped make a huge difference to 270,488 children living in very difficult conditions across the world.

**Thank you!**