



St. Joseph's Church
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick
Church Notices, Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Week

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
Sun. Apr. 20 th	10.30am	Jeremiah Cahill (3 rd anniversary)
	12.30pm	Joe Connolly (10 th anniversary); Catherine Liston (12 th anniversary)
Mon. Apr. 21 st	10.30am	Seán Carey (3 rd anniversary)
Tue. Apr. 22 nd	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Wed. Apr. 23 rd	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Thur. Apr. 24 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Fri. Apr. 25 th	10.30am	Maureen O'Riordan (10 th anniversary)
Sat. Apr. 26 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Sun. Apr. 27 th	10.30am	Freddie Herriott (2 nd anniversary) Jeremiah Cahill (3 rd anniversary)
	12.30pm	Margaret Casey (month's mind); Seán Carey (1 st anniversary); Michael Boland (4 th av.) & Paul Considine (15 th av.); John & Mona McDermott (22 nd & 9 th anniversaries); Verette O'Doherty, Nina Collery, Susan Cleary, Jack Geary & Garry Geary; Michael Scott (2 nd av.) & Maeve Scott (7 th av.); Adrienne Roche (month's mind), her father Eric Lynch & mother Florence Lynch (10 th & 9 th anniversaries at this time)

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to his family, and pray for the repose of the soul of **Charles McKiniry**, Oakview Drive, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here next Tuesday 22nd April at 12 noon. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The paschal or Easter candle represents Jesus and the light He brings to the world at his Resurrection. It is made completely from pure bees wax.

On Holy Saturday during the Vigil Mass the candle is lit and blessed.

The candle, a visible sign of Christ's presence, is lit throughout the Easter season, and during baptisms and funerals.

The blessing of the Paschal Candle, which is a column of wax of exceptional size, usually fixed in a great candlestick specially destined for that purpose, is a notable feature of the vigil mass on Holy Saturday.

<https://www.catholicnewsworld.com/2025/04/what-is-paschal-candle-paschal-or.html>

The Legion of Mary will be paying house visits during the coming days.

EASTER BLESSING

A note to wish each parishioner a very happy and blessed Easter and a special note of welcome to any visitor who is with us this Easter.

May the celebration of the Easter Liturgy deepen our faith that Jesus is truly risen, and having conquered death, invites us to share in his risen life.

May the Easter Liturgy help us understand and appreciate more deeply the Paschal Mystery — the times of dying and rising to new life in Christ.

It is Good News that every Good Friday in our lives can be transformed into an Easter Sunday. No pain, no sorrow, not even death itself, will defeat us: all is made new in the risen Christ.

May we all receive a deeper share in his gift of peace: "Peace be with you" the Risen Lord says to each of us. I pray that you receive the blessings of his peace, a peace the world cannot give.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed generously to the Liturgies throughout Holy Week, up to and including Mass on Easter Sunday.

Again, a very happy and blessed Easter to each of you, and to your families.

On behalf of all who minister in St. Joseph's.

*Fr Liam
Adm.*

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON EASTER

Our Easter is therefore for everyone a dying to sin, to passions, to hatred, to enmities, to all that is a source of imbalance, bitterness and torment in the spiritual and material order. This death is in fact only the first step towards a higher goal: since our Easter is also a mystery of life.

— **St. John XXIII, 1959**

The Gospels do not speak to us of an apparition of the Risen Jesus to the Mother: This ineffable mystery of joy remains under the veil of a mystical silence. It is certain, however, that she, the first redeemed, as she was in a special way close to the cross of her Son (John 19:25), so she had a privileged experience of the Risen One, such as to cause in her a very intense joy, unique among those of all other creatures saved by the Blood of Christ.

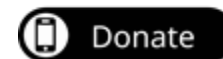
— **St. John Paul II, 1983**

It is the conclusion of many theologians saying that Christ in his resurrection first appeared to the Virgin Mary, his mother. The first apparition he [Jesus] did was to the Blessed Virgin Mary, although the Gospel does not tell us about this.

— **St. Vincent Ferrer**

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/what-the-saints-say-about-easter>

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