



St. Joseph's Church **O'Connell Avenue, Limerick** **Church Notices, Sunday 27th April 2025**

Second Week of Easter

Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Name
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)
Mon. Apr. 28 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Tue. Apr. 29 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Wed. Apr. 30 th	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Thur. May 1 st	10.30am	Intention of Clergy
Fri. May 2 nd	10.30am	Katie Geoghan (33 rd av) & remembering her brother Shane
Sat. May 3 rd	10.30am	Noel Flannery (4 th anniversary)
Sun. May 4 th	10.30am	Nora Hanly (anniversary)
	12.30pm	The Brosnan family; Ger Clohessy (month's mind) & his uncle Michael Tobin (also month's mind); Kathleen Kelleher (1 st anniversary)

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our sympathy to their families, and pray for the repose of the souls of **Elsie McGee (née Power)**, Rosbrien House, Rosbrien, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Thursday, April 24th: **Ann Benson**, Lower Carey's Road, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here last Friday, April 25th and **Therese O'Regan (née McGough)**, Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road, whose Requiem Mass was celebrated here yesterday, Saturday April 26th. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MEMORIAL '45' DRIVE

A '45' card drive in memoriam of the late Margaret Casey, RIP, will be held in the parish centre tonight at 8.15 pm. Proceeds will go to Milford Care Centre.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions to mark today's feast will be conducted at Mount St. Alphonsus Redemptorist church from 2.30pm to 5.45pm this afternoon. The programme will include confessions, veneration of Image of Mercy, veneration of relics of St Faustina with Holy Mass at 4.45pm (celebrant Fr John Walsh PP). All are welcome.

SOME THOUGHTS OF POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis made strong comments on the family, the right to life, the dangers of gender ideology and the emerging demographic crisis. Here are a few.

The family — as God wants it, composed of a man and a woman for the good of the spouses and also the generation and education of children — is deformed by powerful contrary projects supported by ideological colonisation.

(To members of Equipes Notre Dame, September 2015)

Abortion is a grave injustice. It can never be a legitimate expression of autonomy and power. If our autonomy requires the death of others, then that autonomy of ours is nothing more than an iron cage. I often ask myself two questions: Is it right to eliminate a human life in order to solve a problem? And is it right to hire a hitman in order to solve a problem?
<https://ionainstitute.ie/pope-francis-outspokenness-on-abortion-ignored/>

Euthanasia: The right to care and treatment for all must always be prioritized, so that the weakest, particularly the elderly and the sick, are never discarded. Indeed, life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered. And this ethical principle applies to everyone, not just Christians or believers.

Gender Ideology: I ask myself if the so-called gender theory is not, at the same time, an expression of frustration and resignation, which seeks to cancel out sexual difference because it no longer knows how to confront it. Yes, we risk taking a step backwards. The removal of difference in fact creates a problem, not a solution.

Throwaway Culture: We are living in a throwaway culture. What is useless is discarded. Old people are disposable material: they are a nuisance. Not all of them, but in the collective unconscious of the throwaway culture, the old... the most terminally ill, too; the unwanted children, too, and they are sent to the sender before they are born.

(Radio interview, September 2021)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-09/pope-after-operation-it-never-crossed-my-mind-to-resign.html>

Extracted from: <https://ionainstitute.ie/pope-francis-on-the-right-to-life-and-the-family/>

(More examples, with sources, are listed on this web-page)

POPE FRANCIS: LAST POSTS ON X

Apr 20: Christ is risen! These words capture the entire meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life. #Easter

Apr 20: I would like us to renew our hope that #peace is possible! From the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Resurrection, where this year #Easter is being celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox on the same day, may the light of peace radiate throughout the Holy Land and the entire world.

Apr 20: In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon Himself all the evil in this world and in His infinite mercy has defeated it. He has uprooted the diabolical pride that poisons the human heart and wreaks violence and corruption on every side.
 #Easter

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