

Reflection:

Why is Easter so important? Why do we regard it as the high point of the Church's liturgical year? Why is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, which it commemorates, so important, so central to the Christian message and Christian Faith?

We say of Jesus that he is the second Person of the blessed Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit who existed from all eternity.

We also say of Jesus that he is God made man - true God and true man - not God dressed up as a man or God pretending to be a man but actually a man. The theologians call it the *hypostatic union* or the mystical union of the two natures - human and divine. Jesus, who is God, took on our human nature at a moment in history.

We are told by the scriptures that he went about doing good, curing those who had diseases and sicknesses and forgiving sins and

proclaiming the kingdom of God. We know that he was subversive of the status quo of his day because of which he fell afoul of the religious leaders of his day who conspired to put him to death and did enlist the Roman authority to crucify him. We know that he died just like any other human being and that he was laid in the ground.

We know, we believe that two days later - on the third day as it is called - he rose from the dead.

In rising from the dead in his human nature which we share with him, he guaranteed our resurrection. We believe that where he has gone we shall follow. We believe that he is the first born from the dead. We believe that because of him we have the hope of a blessed future in eternity. We believe that because of him, because of his fidelity to his Father and his love of us expressed in his sacrifice, we are redeemed and the hope and possibility of salvation is real.

These are the reasons why Easter is the pinnacle of our year and the central and necessary truth of our Faith. These are the reasons why the resurrection of Jesus is the cause of our joy. This is why we proclaim: **Alleluia.**



Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett
Fr Daniel Tomasik
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze
Fr Krzysztof Tyburowski
In residence Canon John Daly

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday's 4pm—5.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

Mass Times

Mon—Fri 10am, 5.45pm
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Confessions

Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms

Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community

**Madison Kiely Bargary
Carley Hanrahan
Amelia Cunningham**

We wish each of them and their families every blessing.

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers

**Gary O'Halon RIP
William Tracey RIP
Eileen McCormack RIP
Breda Dillon RIP**

May they rest in eternal peace.

Cathedral Shop

Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.

Sympathy cards, First Holy Communion, Confirmation cards, gift sets & other religious goods available to buy.

Split the Pot Draw

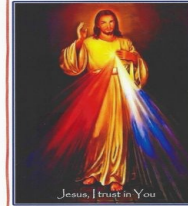
Congratulations to **Roisi Wright** winner of last weekend's draw. Draw Envelopes available at the back of the church.

Divine Mercy Sunday

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
Sunday, April 7th 2024**

LOCATION:
**MT. ST. ALPHONSUS
REDEMPTORIST CHURCH**

TIME:
**Devotions 2.30-5.45pm
Holy Mass 4.45pm
Celebrant: Fr John Walsh P.P.**



"The soul who will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on that day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment"
(Jesus to St. Faustina)



ALL WELCOME
Devotions include:
Confessions - Veneration of Image of Mercy.
Veneration of Relics of St Faustina.

Scan QR code to Donate



FREE Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment

**Recycling event
at Castletroy College
on Saturday 18th
April 2026**

from 10am to 4pm.

Any waste electrical item that uses a plug or battery is welcome.

Notice: Daily morning mass Mon to Fri at 10am, no evening mass at 5.45pm.

Help Rebuild Blood Supplies following Easter Lim Clinics— Church of Abundant Life

**Henry Street Limerick
(Opposite Garda Station)**

**Thursday 9th April
3:50pm – 7:10pm**

New donors welcome at all clinics. Former UK residents now welcome to donate. Blood donors who may not have donated in a while are being urged to donate now.

LOUGH DERG 2026 Pilgrimage Season

A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply.
- Pope Leo XIV

THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE In the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil
Friday 29th May until Saturday 15th August
(pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Thursday 13th August)
Admission: €85
Booking advised | Concessions available for students, seniors & groups

ONE DAY RETREAT a day of guided prayer & reflection
May Sun 3rd - Mon 4th - Sat 9th - Tue 12th - Sun 17th - Sat 23rd - Mon 25th
August Tue 18th - Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd - Sat 29th - Mon 31st
September Sat 5th - Sun 6th - Wed 9th - Sat 12th - Tue 15th - Sat 19th - Sun 20th
Admission: €50
Booking Essential | Concessions available for groups

QUIET DAY a self-directed day in the peaceful setting of Station Island
Friday 22nd May & Friday 11th September
Admission: €60
Booking Essential

HERITAGE DAY visit Lough Derg during National Heritage Week
Thursday 20th August
11.30am & 2.30pm
Booking Essential

LAKESHORE PILGRIMAGE along the Pilgrim Path
Sunday 30th August
Admission: €25
Booking Essential
In the footsteps of pilgrims through the terraces

Sanctuary of Saint Patrick - Lough Derg
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**Knock Shrine
May 7th
10am-3pm
Free Event
Booking Essential**

**'LIVE LIFE
YOUTH RETREAT**

An engaging experience with interactive activities, guided self reflections, and prayer. Take time to explore Donals Room, Knock Museum, the CreationWalk, and more...

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