

Reflection:

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament was born Helena Kowalska, in Poland on 25th August, 1905. She was the third of 10 children to a poor, religious family. In 1924, Faustina experienced her first vision of Jesus.

On 30th April, 1926, at 20 years of age, she received her habit and took the religious name of Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament and in 1928, she took her first religious vows as a nun.

On 22nd February, 1931, Faustina was visited by Jesus, who presented himself as the “King of Divine Mercy” wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from his heart. She was asked to become the apostle of God’s mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument of emphasizing again God’s plan of mercy for the world.

In her diary, Faustina wrote: “In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, ‘paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.’”

Faustina also describes during that same message, Jesus explained he wanted the Divine Mercy image to be “solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.”

In September, 1935, Faustina wrote about her vision of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, used to obtain mercy, trust in Christ’s mercy and to show mercy to others. The message of mercy that Sister Faustina received is now being spread throughout the world; her diary, *Divine Mercy in my Soul*, has become the handbook for devotion to Divine Mercy.

In 1965, the Archbishop of Krakow, Karol Wojtyla, who would later become Pope John Paul II, opened up the first investigations into Faustina’s life and virtues. He submitted a number of documents on her life to the Holy See and requested the official beatification process be started.

St. Faustina was beatified on 18th April, 1993 and canonized on 30th April, 2000, both by Pope St. John Paul II. Her feast day is celebrated on 5th October and she is the patron saint of Mercy.

That Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated today, the second Sunday of Easter or the Sunday immediately following Easter Sunday is entirely appropriate because on this Sunday we recall that Jesus said to his disciple: “Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain they are retained.” In this way he instituted the sacrament of penance, the sacrament of God’s mercy and forgiveness. God’s mercy and forgiveness are available to his children because of the fierceness of his love for us as our Father.

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 Deceased
We remember in our prayers
John King RIP
Gerard O’Brien RIP
Mary O’Brien RIP
May they rest in eternal peace.

Cathedral Shop
Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.
Sympathy cards, First Holy Communion cards, gift sets & other religious goods available to buy.

Split the Pot Draw
Congratulations to **Eileen Lawlor** winner of last weekends draw. Draw Envelopes available at the back of the church. All proceeds go toward the maintenance of the Cathedral. Thank you for your support.

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Fundraising Concert to help defray costs of Lmk Diocesan

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

at Holy Trinity Church, Adare
Fri Apr 24th at 8pm.
Tickets €20

Tickets are available to buy from the Cathedral Shop.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Castletroy Park Hotel

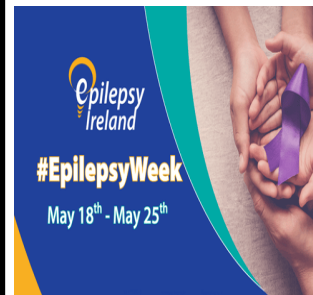
Mon 13th & Tues 14th April

From 4.20pm to 7.40pm

Blood stocks are critically low.

FREE Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment

Recycling event at Castletroy College on Saturday 18th April 2026 from 10am to 4pm.



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.

SPANISH MASS
Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 p.m.
St. Joseph’s Church
O’Connell Ave. V94 NR29
(Across from Griffith College)

If anyone would like to include a special intention in the Mass (death anniversary, someone who is ill, family intention, prayer for a need, etc.) please send us a direct message with:

- The intention you would like to request
- The full name of the person
- And a donation of €10, which can be arranged with Miriam at 089-965 5873

After the Mass we will share some coffee, and if anyone would like to bring something to share, you are more than welcome.

Organized by:
Hispanic Community of Limerick
Laura (083 357 0794)
Miriam (089 965 5873)

We look forward to seeing you!

CATHOLIC

Speed Dating Evening
in aid of
Whinnie’s Wish Kenya,
High School Tuition Fund
A project by Odrán Kennedy

The Kingsley Hotel, Cork
T12P680
Sunday, 3rd May 2026
5pm

Ages 25 - 45
Tickets €30

Tickets available on Eventbrite. Search ‘Speed Dating for Catholics’

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Hosted by Little Roses Events
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