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The Ascension of The Lord
(World Communications Day)

Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Ascension of The Lord

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News."

In the Lord's Ascension we consider the Lord's return to the kingdom of His Father in heaven. The scene set for us isn't a typical scene of sadness and grief as we might expect when we wave goodbye to a relative or friend as they set off to a distant land and we are not so sure when we'll be together again. It seems to me almost like an important solemn moment as the Lord completes His final words of instruction and encouragement. Go, tell, create and communicate.

The Lord spent those moments instructing, teaching, assuring, and commanding them to go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news. The Good News of the life He offers us as His friends and followers. In His every action of Incarnation, Teaching, Healing, Suffering, Death, Resurrection, Jesus transformed the landscape of human life for all time, eternally and invites us to share these Gifts.

The command to spread the good news and communicate about the Son of God, His Father, and Spirit is always an invitation in freedom.

The lessons of the Good News are always about the opportunity to walk our journey of life in God, with God, through God, as companions, friends, disciples. Walking the sometimes challenging narrow pathway or road will call for the humility to be servants and channels and conduits of a little piece of the kingdom to oneself and others. The call is to receive, pray, reflect, and give of ourselves and I believe the return is some insight and awareness of the Gift of God's Love, Peace, Joy.

Since Easter we have been hearing evidence, if you like, of Jesus meeting with the disciples on the road to Emmaus; eating fish on the shores of Galilee; and more than once entering the Upper Room.

The Resurrection and Ascension in some way confirms God's holy power, benevolence, superiority and victory over sin, death, and all that is chaotic and broken. It is a Good News that demands telling, gospel.

I invite you to pray for God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit of wisdom and understanding that all of us might get some kind of hold on the mystery that is Christ Incarnate, Christ our Redeemer, a Risen Christ who beckons us to be in relationship with God now and at the end of our lives.

May God bless us as Christ blessed the young Church of Jerusalem.

Dave O'Connell

Thought for Today

A world of tribunals and scandals can be depressing. We wonder whether there is anyone who can be trusted. Is it possible to have hope when the evidence of human weakness is all around us? Jesus, ascended to his Father's right hand, calls us to a hope that does not disappoint us. We can place all our trust in him.

Eucharistic Procession

Saturday June 6th after the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Each Pentecost renews the grace of Pentecost in us and in the Church. Therefore let us pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Reader

For the Church: that the Holy Spirit may renew its life.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all rulers and government leaders: that the Holy Spirit may help them to be wise and just.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who suffer persecution for the name of Christ: that the Holy Spirit may give them strength and courage.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For this community: that the Holy Spirit may keep us rooted in faith, hope and love.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who have received the sacrament of Confirmation this year; that they may be clothed with power from on high and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit openly, witnessing to Christ in their lives.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Lord of God, dispose us to receive the Holy Spirit, and may his coming breathe new life into us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Georgie Simone Dennehy, The Avenue, Highfield Park.
 Kayla Emily Power, An Caislean.
 Asia Liv D’Alba, Distillery Court, The Maltings.
 Borys Jan Pikula, Willow Grove.
 Michael Sieminski, Glyntown, Glanmire.

† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Margaret (Peg) O’Donoghue, Peter O’Donovan Crescent.
 Richard O’Neill, Douglas.
 Michael Buckley, Killarney.
 Seamus Keating, Youghal.
 Ann Shaw, Ballyphehane/Highfield.
 Stacia Nelligan, Moyvane, Co Kerry.
 Gretta O’Regan, Drinagh

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

Pat Nolan, Wicklow.
 Andy & Mollie Nolan, Wicklow.
 Nan O’Regan, Douglas.
 Dan O’Regan & son Tim, Douglas.
 Paul Dillon, Sunday’s Well.
 Jerry Canny, Castle Avenue.
 Eugene Barry Murphy, Farran.
 Brendan Keohane, Ovens.
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Margaret Morrissey, Carrigaline.
 Noreen Spillane, Curraheen.
 Julie O’Donovan, Rosewood.
 Morgan O’Donovan, Classes Lake.
 Noel Nelligan, East Gate.
 John O’Donovan, Rochestown.
 Shelia Kenneally, Model Farm Road.
 Shelia Fitzpatrick, Westcliffe.
 Margaret O’Connor , Carrigrohane.
 Val & Finbarr Riordan, Glasheen/Oxford.
 Dec members of Delaney family, Carriganarra.
 Eamon Staunton, Clash.
 May Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Therese Sheehan, Westcliffe.
 Timothy & Margaret O’Mahony, Ballinora.
 Donal, Elaenor & Niall O’Halloran, Castlepark.
 Donal Leahy, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
 Mary Mollohan, Dublin

Student's Prayer Card (Ballincollig)

As I begin to study for the exams I face
 I ask you Lord for the courage and grace
 to meet this challenge and do my best
 to stay calm and focused during the test.
 This prayer I make to you today,
 help me Lord and with me stay.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ascension Of The Lord

17 Sunday Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46. Eph. 1:17-23. or Eph 4:1-13. Mk 16:15-20. Lect I: 552
 18 Monday 29 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps 67. Jn 16:29-33. Lect I: 576
 19 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27. Ps 67. Jn 17:1-11. Lect I: 578
 20 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580
 21 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps 15. Jn 17:20-26. Lect I: 583
 22 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn. 21:15-19. Lect I: 585
 23 Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21:20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday's Readings 24/May/2015

Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. Jn. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601 & 604

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
 St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel was also the author of The Acts of the Apostles. At the beginning of this book he refers to the Gospel as "his earlier work". He fills in the events between the Resurrection and the Ascension. The Apostles are given their last commandments: to preach to the whole world. They are reminded that the Second Coming will only happen after the Gospel has been preached to the whole world.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13
 In the list of gifts given to the church the point he makes is that their aim is to enlarge the unity of the Church, and to develop its intensity until we all attain full unity with the Son of God. The unity of the Church is stressed. But that unity does not mean uniformity as the gifts differ in each person.

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20
 The Apostles are commanded to preach the Gospel to all. The salvation which it brings is for all without exception. In the early days of the Church, possibly because of a greater need for extraordinary signs to move a sceptical and hostile world miracles were more frequent than in later times.

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Back to the School Yard

Most people don't think of Arthritis as something that affects children, but over 1,000 childhoods are affected by this cruel and debilitating condition.

So this May, Arthritis Ireland would like to cordially invite you, your friends, family and your colleagues to free yourselves from the daily grind and go Back To The School Yard once more.

Remember when break time was the best part of the day? All those hours you sat through Maths just praying for the bell to ring so you could escape into the school yard and play.

All over Ireland people are setting aside some fun time to play the games we all loved as kids - and raise essential funds for over 1,000 courageous children who are living with chronic Arthritis.

Funds raised will help us provide support services like our dedicated Helpline for families who are affected by arthritis and provide essential advice and information at our many annual family days.

Taking part couldn't be simpler. Just go to **backtotheschoolyard.ie** and let us know you want to take part. Or email us or call us on 01-6470205.

We will then send you a free fundraising guide with all the tips and advice you will need to host your event.

So get the gang together and register today. Your childhood is calling. Join Arthritis Ireland and help us raise vital funds for children with chronic Arthritis - and let's all go Back to the School Yard.

Peru Jubilee Mass

The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday May 20th at 7pm at St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown, Cork. People from every parish are welcome to attend, to give thanks for the work of the Diocesan Mission in Peru which was founded in 1965. Refreshments afterwards at the Rochestown Park Hotel.

Missionary Sisters of St. Columban.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Columban will be visiting the Parish the week end of May 30 /31. The speakers on the occasion will be Sister Eileen Rabbitte who has mission experience in Peru and Sister Mary McHugh who has worked in Korea.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Lord God, help us to bring your Good News to other people. Help us to be kind, loving and caring in everything we do and say. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Jesus came to his disciples and told them he had important work for them to do. The disciples must tell everyone the good news that God's love makes people happy. Jesus wants his friends to show God's love to others by their actions as well as their words. Then Jesus left them and was taken to heaven. God was with the disciples as they did what Jesus asked.

Bulletin Board

Examination Time

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Trocaire Boxes

A total of €3,189 has been lodged to the Trocaire Account. Many thanks for your generosity. Thanks also to the children in the Primary School and to the many people who helped distribute the boxes. Please return any outstanding boxes.

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on Saturday June 6th after the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View for Benediction. I take this opportunity to invite you and your family to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. I especially invite you to bring your child who received First Holy Communion recently. It would be appreciated if homes on route of the procession could be suitably decorated in honour of the Blessed Eucharist. Seats will be available near the altar at Church View for the elderly or people suffering from injury.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys in Scoil Eoin who made their First Holy Communion, also congratulations to the Boys & Girls who made their First Holy Communion in Scoil Barra. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament

First Holy Communion Dates 2015

Saturday 23rd May Gael Scoil

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 20th at 12.00 noon** in the **Annex, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday June 13th at 9.00am

Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Fr. George

Holy Hour.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Farran
Tuesday next May, 19th
Special Intention

That God's plan for Marriage will be upheld in our country. Please join us in Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May/23 & May/24/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sean Collins

8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Sean Casey

10:00 am
Cormac Kelly
Ashling O'Shea

12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Jacob Derham

12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch

5:30 pm
Liam Tuohy

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Sunday

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass &
before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm

Saturday

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 11th May to 17th May

Tim Murphy
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Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas"
on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get
and know people from our community.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May/23 & May/24/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill
Andrezej Janukowicz

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Tom Butler
Triona Collins

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Laurence / Angela Cunningham
David Mahony

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Mary Hennigan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher

Experiencing Grief and Loss

When facing separation, loss, or death, we are invariably thrown into turmoil of mixed and intense emotions. Some of these feelings may seem unexpected and are hard to bear. We may expect to feel only sadness, but rarely is grief confined to a single emotion. We may experience a mix of feelings like sadness, anger, regret, longing, guilt, and loneliness. While feelings of Anger, Guilt and Regret are normal, they may be difficult to cope with. Anger can be directed, for example, at the doctors who failed to cure; at God for allowing someone to die and for allowing so much pain and anguish; or even at the person who died for abandoning you and leaving you to carry on alone. It is understandable to feel anger and it helps to talk about these feelings. It's also so easy to weigh oneself down with feelings of guilt and remorse; by going over in one's mind all the things you would have liked to have said or done or things you didn't say or do. There is a wish to turn back the clock and to have done some things differently. So often these guilty feelings are unrealistic. Phrases often used are 'if only'- 'I should have.' etc. In reality you almost certainly did the best you could at the time. It may help to focus on all the good things you did do for your loved one.

(A repeat of the series over the next few weeks of the articles presented by Sr. Colette during 2009)