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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER –28 APRIL, 2024

MASS TIMES — Church of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, Enniscrone

Sat.	April 27th	11am:	First Holy Communion (Scoil Christ Ri)
		8 pm:	Mai & Pakie Tighe & dec’d family
Sun.	April 28th	10am:	Seamus & Dolores Ryan
Mon.	April 29th	9.30am:	Jim & Celia Malin; Veni Moraes, Goa (Month’s Mind)
Tues.	April 30th	9.30am:	James & Mary Fox; Mary & Sam Cosgrove
Wed.	May 1st	9.30am:	Kathleen Harper
Thurs.	May 2nd	9.30am:	John & Elizabeth Devaney & Bridie Henry
Fri.	May 3rd	9.30am:	Phelim Henry
Sat.	May 4th	12noon:	Teresa Mullen (Month’s Mind)
		8pm:	Matt & Kathleen Cawley & deceased Cawley family
Sun.	May 5th	10am:	Aggie & Jim McDonnell & sons Sean & Seamus

MASS TIMES — Church of the Holy Family, Kilglass

Sat.	April 27th	12noon:	John Molloy
Sun.	April 28th	12noon:	Mary & Patrick Murray, Culleens, daughter Maureen Devaney & dec’d Murray & Nealon families
Mon.	April 29th	7pm:	Martin & Barbara Beglin
Tues.	April 30th.	7pm:	Martin & Brian Farrell & dec’d Duffy & Farrell families
Wed.	May 1st	7pm:	Sarah & Martin John Maloney
Thurs.	May 2nd	7pm:	Seamus Mangan, Behy
Fri.	May 3rd	...7pm:	Hudie Feeny (Anniv.)
Sat.	May 4th	12noon:	Maisie & John Reilly
Sun.	May 5th	12noon:	Faithful Departed

We pray for recently deceased:

Ann Taylor nee Leonard, Ballina/ Easkey (brother of John Leonard, Enniscrone)

Confessions in Enniscrone every Saturday from 12noon to 1pm.

If there is mass at 12noon on a particular Saturday, confessions will be available after the mass.

Adoration Chapel (Enniscrone) is open daily from 8am to 8pm. It is accessible from the outside at the rear of the Church.

Rosary recited—9am to 9.20am- before the daily 9.30am mass in Enniscrone Monday to Friday

Readings for next Weekend —Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 5, 2024

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 **Psalm** 97:1-4

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel : John 15: 9-17

Child Safeguarding training for anyone from our parish who is regularly and directly involved in children's and young people activities or in activities which involve young people under 18 years.

Where: Newman Institute, Ballina

Date & Date: Thursday May 2nd at 7pm.

Multiple intentions for masses: It will now be possible to include up to three intentions for public masses in Enniscrone and Kilglass Churches with the exception of Month's Mind and First Anniversary masses.

Repair work to the front flat-roofed area of Enniscrone Church

Enniscrone Parish Pastoral Council has selected B. Kilcullen Construction Limited to complete remedial work on the flat roof to the front of Enniscrone Church which is leaking badly. This work will involve insulating the exterior roof, improving water drainage off the roof and covering the new insulation with new asphalt. This work will cost in the region of €40000.

The ceiling of the front flat roofed area of the Church will need to be replaced and new light fittings installed which will involve a further cost. B. Kilcullen Construction hopes to complete this work within a number of weeks. As the parish has limited finances, we would welcome donations towards the cost of completing this work. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Church Repairs' and drop into the weekly collection bag or in the collection box off the main aisle in the Church.

The Mayo.ie Western People Women's Mini Marathon (10km) takes place in Ballina on Sunday, May 5th at noon. Runners, joggers and walkers all welcome to join the fun. Registration:

www.westofirelandwomensminimarathon.com

Indoor food and Craft Market every Saturday in The Old Church, Enniscrone from 11am to 3pm. It features a wide range of handmade gifts, paintings, home baking, vegetables, bric a brac and local crafts. All welcome. Please support

Holy Communion for Coeliacs: The priest at Mass has low gluten hosts for people who are coeliac or have gluten intolerances. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion in **Enniscrone or Kilglass**, please indicate to the priest that you are a coeliac

Notices for Church Bulletin: Any notices that you would like to have included in our weekly Parish Bulletin can be emailed to kilglass-enniscrone@killaladiocese.org or send a message to Kilglass Enniscrone Parish Facebook Page. Notices can also be dropped into the Parish House. Please have notices in by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

Speak Irish with confidence. Classes to suit you in Enniscrone. Contact 089-4454119 today

Please keep in touch with the Parish online by following our Facebook Page "Kilglass Enniscrone Parish"

Conscience is mentioned at least three times in this Sunday's Second reading from the First Letter of St John. But what is conscience? Here are a few quotes that might be helpful.

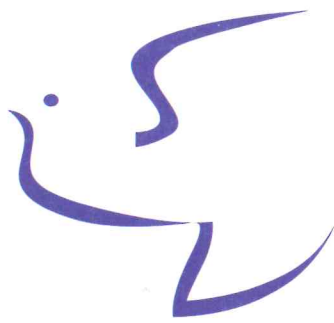
"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment.... For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God.... His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths' (CCC, 1776).

'Conscience without God is a terrifying thing' *Fyodor Dostoevsky*

'Conscience is the aboriginal Vicar of Christ in the soul' *St John Henry Newman*

'Conscience has rights because it has duties; but in this age, with a large portion of the public, it is the very right and freedom of conscience to dispense with conscience, to ignore a Lawgiver and Judge, to be independent of unseen obligations. . . . Conscience is a stern monitor, but in this century, it has been superseded by a counterfeit, which the eighteen centuries prior to it never heard of, and could not have mistaken for it, if they had. It is the right of self-will'.

(St John Henry Newman, Letter to the Duke of Norfolk 1875)



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Morality; Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B, 28th April, 2024

I Am The Vine

In last Sunday's gospel Jesus was referred to as the good shepherd, and we were the sheep. This Sunday's image expresses an even closer relationship: a vine and its branches. This relationship is so close that you could say it is beyond relationship: it expresses identity.

"I am the vine ... you the branches."

But a vine is all branches! It is not like a tree or a big shrub where you have a substantial trunk and a profusion of branches. The vine is just branches.

It's obvious that a branch cut off from the vine (or from any tree or shrub) will wither. In the case of the vine, not only is the branch destroyed but the vine itself is diminished. To destroy a branch is to destroy the vine in some measure; to cut off a brother or sister in Christ is to cut off Christ. Jesus identifies himself with us.



Abiding in Unity

A favourite word in both John's gospel and his letters is 'abide' (or, the rather colourless translation, 'remain'): abiding in God, abiding in Christ, abiding in his word ... I counted thirty-seven uses. To abide is not to be a visitor, it is even more than being a friend, it is to be at home.

It seems that no image can go far enough in expressing our union with Christ and God. German mystic, Meister Eckhart, said,

"If anyone put water in a barrel, the barrel would surround the water, but the water would not be in the barrel [i.e., it would not occupy the same space as the wood of the barrel], nor would the barrel be in the water: but the soul is wholly one with God... In spiritual things there is no separating of one from another."

Saint Paul

The unity of Christ with his disciples was also taught by St Paul. Christ, he said, is the head, and we, the body.

We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. (Rom 12:4)

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Wealth and Independence?

I remember a magazine article some years ago entitled, "After affluence, What? Individualism!" It was ever only a dream of course – one from which the world is now waking up.

Nobody can really be an independent individual, least of all a wealthy person. Wealth tends to separate people, one from another, while poverty often brings them together. Wealth traps people in a complex, financial web, the very caricature of closeness.

The dream of individualism is just a bad dream because we depend on one another in a thousand ways. Our Christian faith celebrates this, and reveals its ultimate depth. Even the Persons of the Trinity depend on one another. To live, through Christ, in the heart of that mystery, is our destiny. ■

Summary

To 'abide' is not to be a visitor, it is even more than being a friend, it is to be at home.

We depend on other people in a thousand ways. Our Christian faith celebrates this.

Question

Why is individualism seen as something bad?

Prayer

Lord, help me to realise that I am completely immersed in you and in the Christian Church.

The Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B; 28 April 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Stand)

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT (2)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
People: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.
Priest: Christ, have mercy. **People:** Christ, have mercy.
Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



SIT

FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The Churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 21

[R] You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
[1] My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **[R]**

[2] All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him all the mighty of the earth
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. . . **[R]**

[3] And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
"These things the Lord has done." **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of Saint John:

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience
and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father
that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY (Sit)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Stand)

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

◀◀ SIT ▶▶

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. . . .

◀◀ KNEEL ▶▶

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (2)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.

People: When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb . . .

People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.



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Next Week: .

Sat 27 Apr (Elphin: St Asicus) : Sun 28 Apr Easter 5 : Mon 29
Apr St Catherine of Siena : Tue 30 Apr St Pius V : Wed 1 May St
Joseph the Worker : Thu 2 May St Athanasius : Fri 3 May St
Philip And James : Sat 4 May (Kildare: St Conleth) : Sun 5 May
Easter 6.