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ASCENSION OF THE LORD –12 May, 2024

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

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| Sat. | May 11th | 8 pm: | Eamonn Judge, Kinnard; Phelim Henry, Geesala |
| Sun. | May 12th | 10am: | Freda Devaney (5th Anniv.); Katie, Martin & Michael O’Dowd |
| Mon. | May 13th | 9.30am: | Peter Regan & dec’d family members |
| Tues. | May 14th | 9.30am: | Bart & Teresa Mullen |
| Wed. | May 15th | 9.30am: | Tommie Joe Tuffy |
| Thurs. | May 16th | 9.30am: | Nora Kilgannon |
| Fri. | May 17th | 9.30am: | Bishop Christy Jones |
| Sat. | May 18th | 11am: | Confirmation –Scoil Christ Ri |
| | | 8pm: | Paddy Byron (1st Anniv.) & Nora Byron |
| Sun. | May 19th | 10am: | John Gilmartin (1st Anniv.), Sean & dec’d Gilmartin family |

MASS TIMES — Church of the Holy Family, Kilglass

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| Sat. | May 11th | 11am: | Confirmation –Kilglass NS |
| Sun. | May 12th | 12noon: | John & Lila Bourke & dec’d Bourke family |
| Mon. | May 13th | 7pm: | Michael Patrick & Isobel O’Hara |
| Tues. | May 14th. | 7pm: | Personal Intention |
| Wed. | May 15th | 7pm: | No Mass |
| Thurs. | May 16th | 8pm: | Jim & Fran Whelan on 60th Wedding Anniversary |
| Fri. | May 17th | ... 7pm: | Gerry Cawley, Lacken (Anniv.) |
| Sat. | May 18th | 12noon: | Sean & Maureen Tuffy |
| Sun. | May 19th | 12noon: | Joe Kavanagh (1st. Anniv.) |

We pray for recently deceased:

Joe Farrell, Dublin (brother of Kevin Farrell, Carrowhubbock South)

Edward Hynes, Dromore West/ New York

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 —Pentecost Sunday — May 19, 2024

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34

Second Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25

Gospel : John 15: 26-27;John 16:12-15

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.

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

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.

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

A Hot desk facility is now available at Unit 3, Castlepark House, Enniscrone, daily or weekly rates. Ideal location, close to Castlefield walkway and town centre. Contact Tony on 0863098335

Flower Fund for both Enniscrone and Kilglass Churches: Contributions to the Flower Fund should be placed in an envelope marked 'Church Flower Fund' and dropped into the weekly collection bags. Fresh flowers enhance our Sunday worship. A special thank you to Katarina for the floral arrangements we had for Easter.

Leaffoney National School is open for enrolment for all class groups.

We are a two teacher school with a special education teacher. We also have a part time EAL teacher for children where English is not their first language.

We offer Free hot lunches– Free gymnastics/ swimming classes– Free music classes

A bus service is provided. Please contact Karen for information 096-49291/ 086 2113390

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Legion of Mary Killala Curia Annual Retreat this Sunday 12th May.

The Legion of Mary Killala Curia Annual Retreat takes place this Sunday 12th May starting with Prayers at 2.30pm in the Pastoral Centre, Ballina. Includes: Holy Hour, Talk and Holy Mass. Conducted by Father John O'Gorman. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Church shop in Enniscrone Church has reopened. Opening times Fridays 12-4pm, Saturdays 12-6pm, Mondays 2-5pm. Other times by request. Largerange of religious items available. All money raised goes to the Parish.

'Siege to Siege': A stunning evening of 16th & 17th Century choral and instrumental music of the Hapsburg Empire. Presented by Ireland's premiere professional choir Resurgam and joined by St. Muredach's Choir, accompanied by the English Cornett & Sackbutt Orchestra in St. Muredach's Cathedral on Friday May 31st at 8pm. Tickets available at www.resurgam.ie. Concert lasts about 70 minutes with no interval.

" The Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop John Fleming, Bishop Emeritus of Killala will take place from 18th July to 24th July, 2024. Cost €929, Enquires and Booking 01-2410800. A limited number of places available in the Assisted Section. Contact Eileen on 086-4013897

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



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Seasons, The Ascension, Year B; 12th May 2024

The Ascension of Christ has always been a mystery for believers, and as a result has seldom been depicted in religious art. The renowned Spanish surrealist artist, Salvador Dali, memorably depicts Christ's feet as He disappeared into a cloud of light, thus illustrating the bizarreness of the event in an original fashion. The Ascension itself could have provoked much uncertainty had it not been accompanied by the Lord's own words of explanation.

In this sense, each of the scriptural accounts of the Ascension need to be taken together, in order for us to fully explain the mystery, because each sheds its own light upon our overall understanding of the event.

Before the Lord ascended into heaven he told his disciples to ...

not leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father has promised. (Acts 1:4)

What the Father had promised was the gift of the Holy Spirit. Hence, the person of the Holy Spirit is the key to understanding the mystery of the Ascension. Contrary to appearances, the Lord was not abandoning his disciples. He promised that once he had left them, his Spirit would come upon them in a new and powerful way.

Summary

The person of the Holy Spirit is the key to understanding the mystery of the Ascension.

By means of his Ascension, Christ has not left us, but is present in a new and more powerful way through the Holy Spirit.



Living With Them Always

Christ's body and soul (his human nature) ascended to his Father in heaven, but this did not mean that he was leaving his disciples alone. Christ promised them that he would remain with them until the end of time:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matt 28:20)

St John's Gospel also recounts Christ's promise, but elaborates upon its content in order to explain that after Christ had visibly left his disciples, he would continue to live in them through the presence of the Holy Spirit which comes from the Father through him:

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. (John 14:18-21)

Question

How do we become the hands and feet of the Lord?

How do I see the Spirit in others?

Prayer

Lord, by the presence of the Holy Spirit within me, may I reveal your love to the world.

Ascended into Heaven

Living In Him

Because of the gift of the Holy Spirit, Christ lives on in his followers, and bestows upon them a share in his own divine life:

Because I live, you also will live. (Jn 14:9)

What is more, the disciples not only participate in Christ's life, they are also commissioned by Christ to continue his mission in the world after he had left them.

Christlike

In this Sunday's first reading, the Lord Jesus says to His disciples:

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and then you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

As such, the disciples are challenged to become like Christ – to become other Christs – who will bring his truth and his healing to the world. As Christians, we too share in the Apostle's mission of preaching the Gospel to the ends of the earth, of banishing evil from society wherever we find it, and of bringing Christ's love to the broken-hearted and the wounded.

By means of his Ascension, then, Christ has not left us alone; he is present to us in a new and more powerful way through the Holy Spirit. Now that he is no longer physically present in the world in his body, he relies on us to be his hands and his feet, to walk amongst his people doing his work. We are inheritors of Christ's mission and are called by our vocation as Christians to ...

Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News. (Mk 16:15) ■

The Mass

The Ascension, Year B [Day Mass]; 12 May 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Stand)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is," he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46

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

[1] All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **[R]**

[2] God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **[R]**

[3] God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **[R]**



SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-13

[Ephesians 1:17-23 may also be used]

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians:

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come into unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

(Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover."

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.



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