

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 29th May, 2022
The Ascension of the Lord

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The Lord's Day **9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm**
Monday ~ Friday **8:00am and 10:00am; Saturday 10:00am**



Prayer for the People of Ukraine Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, For all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world; that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. **Amen.**
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!
Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!

First Saturday Devotions: As requested by our Lady of Fatima, will take place on **Saturday 4th June** after the 10:00am Mass

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock: Bus leaving Mary Street on Saturday **18th June at 7:00am**. Contact Liz on 086.3658358 for more details.



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Today we celebrate the Ascension, as the start of a special time of waiting. Jesus told his friends to wait in Jerusalem for the great gift they would need for their future work of sharing the Gospel.

Some of them might have wanted to get straight down to work, feeling there was no time to waste. But he told them to take their time, to wait. He was asking them to tune in to God's time, rather than rush ahead. It was God's will they were meant to do, not their own. Having to wait until Pentecost was a necessary step. They could only do God's work when God's special gift was given and received.

The words of Jesus apply to us also, "You shall be my witnesses." We are to be his visible, ambassadors in the world. To do this we need God's prompting Spirit, and for that we need to pray. After Jesus left them, they returned to Jerusalem and were "continually in the Temple praising God." The Acts shows them gathered in an upper room, joining in prayer.

Like the apostles and our Blessed Lady waiting for Pentecost, we are waiting on for the Spirit. Our prayer is more a quiet listening than asking for what we want. This prayer of waiting needs a quiet heart, and silence expresses it better than words.

The Ascension invites us to enter into that prayerful waiting as we prepare for Pentecost next Sunday.

Cemetery Sunday will take place on Sunday 19th June at 3:00pm

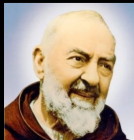


To prepare for this special occasion in our parish we are organising a clean up of the cemetery on Monday 13th June at 7:00pm
If you have an hour to spare we would welcome your help.
It is important that all of us look after the graves of our ancestors, one day someone will be looking after ours.

Universal Synod 2021-2023

Following the engagement by so many people across the Diocese, the diocesan synthesis has been completed and will now be submitted to the National Steering Committee. The synthesis can be viewed on www.dioceseofmeath.ie from Wednesday 1st June.

Thanks to all who took part in the synodal conversations during Lent and to all who completed questionnaires and made submissions. Thanks to all priests and facilitators who organised the synodal meetings in each deanery.



Pilgrimage to Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo 29th June - 6th July, 2022

7 Night Pilgrimage visiting the Basilica of St. Francis. Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel. Visit to Lake Trasimeno - Church of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ciprian Solomon.
Call Anne Marie on 086.089 2788 for full itinerary.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 29th May, 2022

Sunday 29th May	9:00am	Raymond Cooney
	10:30am	Paddy, Thomas & Patrick Reilly, Plunkett, Kelly & Reilly Families; Jillian Thornton
	12 noon	William Reilly <i>First Anniversary</i> , deceased members of the Reilly & Faulkner Families; Marie Boyle; Joseph Crilly; Una Rooney & Tony Rooney; Margaret Mc Kenna
	4:00pm	Polish Mass
	7:00pm	Patty Murphy; Frank, Christina & Peter Mc Grane; Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Peace & Reconciliation
	10:00am	
Tuesday	8:00am	Mary Ann Prendergast & deceased relatives
	10:00am	Joe Aspell; Kevin Dowd
Wednesday 1st June	8:00am	Peace & Reconciliation
	10:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
	10:00am	Holy Souls
Friday 3rd June	8:00am	First Friday
	10:00am	Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Peter Darcy <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Nan Reid
Sunday 5th June	9:00am	
	10:30am	
	12 noon	
	7:00pm	

A prayer for those who died...



Patricia Woods (née Branigan),
Bellewstown;
Pat O'Brien, The Rampart's Green & formerly Marian Park.

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the donate button facility on our website.

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.