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The Ascension of the Lord



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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Forty days after His glorious resurrection, the Lord Jesus, conqueror of sin and death, ascends to heaven in great triumph. The sixth article of our Creed AFFIRMS: "He ascended into heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father". He ascended not to distant himself from us, but to draw us to himself, so that where he is so we his followers would also be (cf. John 14:3).

The gospel highlights the great commissioning of the apostles when Jesus said "go into the whole world and preach the good news . . . By my name they will cast devils . . . they will heal the sick." As church the lord has certain tasks committed to it by Jesus.

- 1. The task of Preaching:** It is our duty as a church both clergy and laity to preach the good news of Jesus especially in our times where the love of God has grown cold in the hearts of so many people (cf. Matt. 24:12). Some of us may not be privileged to preach from the pulpit but we are expected to preach by our way of life in the world. Jesus after the ascension has no physical body now on earth but ours. He has no hands but ours to feed the hungry. He has no feet but ours to find the lost and visit the elderly and those in prisons. He has no ears but ours to listened to the lonely. No tongue and mouth but ours to comfort the troubled. No heart but ours to love the unloved. No voice but ours to speech against all kinds of injustice and discrimination.
- 2. The task of Healing:** Christianity is not only concerned with people's spiritual wellbeing but their physical wellbeing as well. Jesus wishes to bring health to both body and soul. A sick body may not worship God adequately. Today, we must seek out the sick and with our prayers and visits and support we bring them holistic healing. God's desire is that people who are hurting and broken in body, mind, spirit and the emotions, should know healing, love, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation.

To be able to do these, Jesus assures us that he is the source of our power. We can make bold to say, the true believer in Christ is filled with power to cope with life that others do not possess. Always Christ works with us and in us and through us. And as he has ascended to keep the door of heaven opened for humanity, may we strive to ascend to be with him in eternity.

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REV. FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week starting 17th May:



MONDAY	11 am	Lorraine, Francis & Conleth Harlow
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Eamon Holian, his parents Thomas & Kathleen & deceased family members
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Deceased members of the Harte family
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace Rose & Jack Flanagan, Delia & Nora Flanagan
FRIDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the McBrien, Higgins, McGettrick & Magan families
SATURDAY	11 am	Conor Dempsey
	7 pm	Eddie Mullen (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Morning Mass

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of -

Paula Leddy, Ardsallagh Beg, Roscommon Town.

Eileen Sreenan, Kingston, Galway sister-in-law of Eileen Mulry, The Walk, Roscommon Town.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 11:00 am
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 am & 11:00 am
Friday - Saturday 11:00 am
Saturday 7:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am.



BAPTISMS

Bookings for baptisms have resumed, please ring the parish office on 090 6626298 for more information

PLEASE NOTE: Weekend Masses for the 22nd / 23rd May arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:

7 pm (Vigil Mass) Old Wood / Cluain Ard / The Spinney / Lough Road
9 am Goff Street / Fallon Ave / Lanesboro St / Main Street - The Square
11.30 am Greenfield Road / St. Teresa's Road / Rathbrennan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - (Subject to change following government guidance)

Confirmation

Saturday 21st August @ 1.00pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S
Saturday 21st August @ 3.30pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S
Sunday 22nd August @ 2.00pm - Gaelscoil de hÍde & Kiltcevan

First Holy Communion

Saturday 11th September @ 1.00pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S
Saturday 11th September @ 3.30pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S
Sunday 12th September @ 11.30 am - Gaelscoil de hÍde
Sunday 12th September @ 2.00pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S

Altar society - following the reopening of the church under the new covid guidelines the rota will recommence from Monday 17th May starting with group 1. Could all members confirm they are willing to continue. If there is anyone who would like to join, please can they contact either Martha on 087 6963790 or Susan on 087 7705503.

ACCIES CEREMONY: Sunday 30th May @ 4pm in the Sacred Heart Church. Due to restrictions on numbers allowed to attend church services we ask that Legion members only attend.

Irish Hospice Bereavement Support Line

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, our Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, is there to provide connection, comfort and support for anyone grieving in these exceptional times. It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,265.00

Thank You