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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



OUR ENDURING MISSION

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A multi-awarded American singer, Barbra Streisand had a long time hit song entitled, "Some Good Things Never Last." In this passing world, there are countless good things that will never last like accolades, titles, positions, and even possessions which are fleeting fast for a moment oftentimes unnoticed by many. No matter how rich or powerful a person can be, still one has no absolute control over his destiny. But the "good things" brought about by the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ will certainly last for eternity. The joy of the present and the hope for the bright future capsulized the message of today's celebration of the Lord's Ascension. Forty days after the Savior's resurrection, He returned to his Father where He interceded for all of us.

God's gifts of joy and hope endure forever through thick and thin, for those who believe. Despite all the failures, setbacks, and the challenges of being human, we thank Jesus for sticking with us each day, accompanying us just as He promised. The Gospel's message of joy and hope is God's gift beyond compare and it is too precious not to be proclaimed and gladly to be shared to everyone and everywhere. In His apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis said that every Christian is a missionary. To the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus... we are always missionary disciples.

On this celebration of the Lord's Ascension, our eyes are firmly fixed on the heavens where Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, and as we gather around God's eucharistic table, we can hear the good news of joy and hope that "*Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again*".

When the Mass is ended, we go on with our mission that the Lord told us to do, '*Go, make disciples of all nations,*' that is through our words and deeds. But St. Francis of Assisi, challenges us to '*Preach the gospel at all times, using words only if necessary.*'

- Fr. Raul

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Michael McPhillips & deceased family members
TUESDAY	8 am	Jim Ryan
	11 am	Bridgie Neilan
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Kay Gately
	11 am	John & Mary Brennan
THURSDAY	8 am	Lorraine, Francis & Conleth Cormican
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Eamon Holian, his parents Thomas & Kathleen & deceased family members
SATURDAY	10 am	John Clogher
		Mary & Peter Comiskey
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY Pentecost Sunday	9 am	Frances Doolan (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Mr. Epitacio Guinto (1st Anniversary)



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

ANTHONY ROCK, Cricklewood, London, brother of Tom Rock, Roxboro.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to his bereaved family & friends

AREA DISTRIBUTORS:

Pentecost Envelopes are ready for distribution. They are available in the Sacristy before/after all Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office during the week. Please collect as soon as possible, Pentecost Sunday is Sunday 19th May this year.

Many thanks for your assistance.

ROSARY: During the month of May, the **Legion of Mary** will recite the Rosary every Sunday in **St. Coman's Cemetery** at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Recitation of the Rosary in honour of Our Lady will take place at **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto** on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. during the month of May. All are welcome.

MAY PROCESSION: A May Procession in honour of Our Lady, Mother of God, will take place in the Sacred Heart Church and grounds on Monday evening, May 20th at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Sunday, May 19th at 10 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hour are urgently required: **Monday:** 4 pm - 5 pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hour, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: YOUTH SECTION.

(30th August - 4th September) Nominations from parishes throughout the Diocese are being sought for young people to participate in the Youth Section. For more information please contact Parish Office at 090 6626298 before this Friday, May 17th.

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY: We are delighted to announce the return of the **Annual Rosary Rally** which takes place on **Saturday 1st June 2024 in Knock Shrine** commencing at 9.30am. We have many amazing speakers for the day and many beautiful apostolates available on the day to chat with you. It will finish up with holy Mass at 3pm in the Basilica. For more details about the event please contact Lisa 087-6274621/Corina 087-7602977.

LOUGH DERG 2024 PILGRIMAGE SEASON RE-OPENS: One Day Retreats in May, August & September. Three Day Pilgrimages in June, July & August. Contact 071 9861518 / info@loughderg.org / www.loughderg.org. See poster in the Church porch.

MEDJUGORJE YOUTH FESTIVAL: The Diocese of Elphin invites young adults in the diocese aged 18 - 35 on pilgrimage to Medjugorje this summer for the Youth Festival from 31st July – 7th August, led by Bishop Kevin. The cost per person sharing is €650. For more information, detail of costs, registration form etc. please see the diocesan website on www.elphindiocese.ie/medjugorje or contact the Diocesan Office at 071-9150106 and youth@elphindiocese.ie

ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION. (30th August - 4th September) Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated beside the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon (Telephone: 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is the 10th June, 2024.

CONFERENCE: All are welcome to our Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement All-Ireland Conference: *Ignite Our Youth and Unite Families* to be held in **Knock 17th & 18th May 2024 (Pentecost Weekend)**. Friday 17th May is a free Information Day from 9am to 6pm in St John's Welcome Centre. Saturday 18th May is a Flame of Love Formation Day in Knock House Hotel from 9am to 4pm. Registration is Required due to *limited* space and the cost is €30 per person (discounts for families). To register or for more information: email info@flameoflove.ie or visit www.flameoflove.ie

MEMORY CAFE: Roscommon Dementia Alliance hosts a monthly café in Lough Key Forest Park Visitor Centre in Boyle to help support people affected by dementia, their families and carers. This month's event takes place on Wednesday 15th May at 2pm and will include music, song, advice and a chat. If you would like to attend please visit www.roscommondementia.ie or contact Teresa Keegan on 0877061183 for more information.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Week starting Monday 13th May - Group I

NA physical meetings on Tuesday nights only from 8 - 9pm in Room 13 at St. Comans, Abbey St., Roscommon.

CAMPA SPRAOI 2024: Summer Camp as Gaeilge for children aged 4 - 11 years takes place in Gaelscoil de hÍde from 8th July - 12th July, 9.30 am - 2 pm. Various activities including Art, Music, Dance, Singing, Science, Sport as Gaeilge. For further details contact campaspraioiros@gmail.com or text 086 3827523.

WALKING THE CAMINO: Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino? Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Ingles** walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern Spain from the 29th July - 5th August 2024. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage call Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie

ON THE MOVE: A Higher Calling. Join Focus Ireland's iconic climbs and help us to raise vital funds to support those experiencing homelessness in our communities. Our Carrauntoohil hike takes place on June 15th or Croagh Patrick on June 16th. Alternatively, organise your own hiking challenge with your family or friends. Contact Niamh 087 489 1974 or email events@focusireland.ie

INDOOR MARKET, Lismanult Community Centre, 11 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, May 12th. If you would like a table call Bridg on 086 3147053

LOCAL FORUM: is an open meeting for people with connections to the mental health services where they speak about their experience, present views and raise matters to improve the service to others. Please contact Fiona on fiona.dodd@hse.ie or 087 3805332 or Teresa MHERForumSecretary@outlook.com or 0877554393

RWN: Join us for the official unveiling of the RWN women's intercultural textile art piece on Friday, 17th of May, 11-1pm at The Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. As well as the official unveiling, this morning event will include songs and stories by the women involved in the project, and will be followed by a light lunch. Please register by emailing us at atreanor@rwn.ie, or call/text us at 0868099154

FAMILY & LIFE are hosting a meeting in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon on Tuesday, May 14th, at 8 p.m. Theme: SPHE curriculum. All welcome!

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 5th May 2024

€3,670.00

Thank You

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