



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which the Acts of the Apostles tells us, took place 40 days after Easter. Before departing, Jesus leaves us with a very important instruction. He says: *“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. The one who believes and is baptised will be saved.”* This the great Christian missionary call to action which has inspired so many people down through the centuries. Those who take up this challenge are assured that they will not be acting alone. We are told that Jesus continued to “work with” his disciples after the Ascension as he continues to do with believers today. There are several descriptions of what happened at the Ascension recorded in the New Testament. In 1 Tim 3:16, we are told that Jesus was *“taken up in glory.”* In Luke 24:51, we read that *“[Jesus] withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.”* And in Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts. We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family. Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation. May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us. May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace. May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service. We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St Laurence O’Toole, pray for us. St Kevin, pray for us. St Brigid, pray for us. Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning B St John’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that *“I am going to the Father.”* In Acts 1; 10, it says *“Jesus was taken up from you into heaven.”*

I particularly like the picture painted in Luke 24; 5-53: *“when he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.”* We always have a blessing at the end of mass. I think it’s very appropriate that Jesus’s last act on earth would be to bless his disciples. It’s an indication of his approval for their mission to come. The Ascension marked the end of Jesus’s physical presence with the disciples but he reminded them in Matthew 28:20: *“I am with you always, to the very end of time.”* In other words, he has promised to remain with us in other ways. The Feast of the Ascension offers us the sure and certain hope that Jesus continues to accompany us and that in a very real sense that he is working with us because Jesus remains with us through the power of the Holy Spirit. This gives us confidence and hope as we journey together. **Deacon Gerard.**



May is the Month of Mary It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary’s great joy in her Son’s victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY: ‘COME HOLY SPIRIT’.

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS SUMMER

2024: On Wednesday last the Archbishop announced appointments of Priests to take effect on the weekend of 6/7 July 2024. **Fr. Des Doyle** of River Valley Parish & Chaplain Dublin Airport is appointed to our Partnership as co/PP of Malahide and Kinsealy. **Fr. Conleth Meehan** currently based at Kinsealy and formerly at Portmarnock is appointed as co/PP of Mourne Road Parish, Drimnagh. **Fr. Kevin Moore** recently of Malahide has been appointed P. P. In Lusk. for their new ministries. **Fr Peter Byrne**, Team Assistant at Malahide will, health permitting, be able to return to a limited ministry at Malahide later in the summer. We pray God's blessing on all priests with reassignments in the diocese this summer

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS ST. ANNE’S

St Marnock’s NS, Saturday, 18th May
St. Helen’s JNS, Saturday, 25th May

COLLECTIONS

First Collection : € 1,365

Share : € 1,110

Sincere thanks for your continued support.

TIMES OF MASSES: WEEKDAYS 10AM: MON, WED, THURS and FRI.

SATURDAY: 6.30PM (VIGIL), SUNDAY: 10.30AM. and 12 NOON. BAPTISMS 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS AND AT THE EASTER VIGIL (SOME EXCEPTIONS AROUND CHRISTMAS AND EASTER.). CONFESSIONS SAT. AFTER 6.30PM MASS, AFTER DAILY MASS (UNLESS THERE’S A FUNERAL), OR ON REQUEST.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 11th May - 6.30p.m.

Kitty & Vincent Hughes, [A]; Rose Anne Canning, [A]
Mary & Christy Feehily, [A]

Sunday, 12th May - 10.30a.m.

John & Annie Kelehan,[A]; Josephine Carty, [A]
Noel Ennis, [A]

12 noon

Michael Diffily,[RD]; Maisie Walshe, [A];
Joan Mangan, [A]; Catherine Rene Freeney,[4th A]

BUILDING HOPE NOVENA

You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 12th – 20th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church

Novena Prayer

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Amen.

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A Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Ordination to the Priesthood of

Fr Martin Noone will take place in

the Church of the Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls on Saturday the 1st of June 2024 at 6.00pm. All are most welcome to join the parish Partnership of Yellow Walls Seabury, St. Sylvester's Malahide, St. Nicholas of Myra Kinsealy and St. Annes Portmarnock in the celebration of this great occasion. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre that will give everyone the opportunity to wish Fr Martin well on his Golden Jubilee.

AYRFIELD PARISH would like to invite you to join each evening in May, at 8pm at St. Paul's Grotto to pray the Rosary. If the weather is unpleasant, the Rosary will be recited in the Church.

ALZHEIMER'S COFFEE MORNING on Thursday, 16th May in Coffee Dock, St Anne's Parish Centre after Mass. Proceeds donated to the Alzheimer's Day Centre, Raheny.

ANAM CARA NORTH DUBLIN supports bereaved parents. Parent Evening Wednesday 15th May at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924.. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

ST MARY'S BALDOYLE

High School Musical Thursday 16th May and Friday 17th May. www.stmarysbaldoyle.org

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

SENIORLINE open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91

DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION OF INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS IS WEDNESDAY 4PM. ANY MASSES BOOKED AFTER THE DEADLINE CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER WHICH IS PRINTED ON THURSDAY MORNING. MANY THANKS.

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