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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Monday 17th May - Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Monday,	17th May.	
8.00am:	For the dying.	
10.00am:	Gráinne's intention.	
Tuesday,	18th May.	St John 1.
8.00am:	Special Intention for a person sick.	
10.00am:	John Kenny.	(A)
Wednesday,	19th May.	Dedication of the Cathedral.
8.00am:	No Intention.	
10.00am:	John Stokes.	(A).
Thursday,	20th May.	St. Bernardine.
8.00am:	Nora Duignan.	(A).
10.00am:	John Kenny,	(Months Mind)
Friday,	21st May.	St. Christopher Magallanes.
8.00am:	No Intention	
10.00am:	Annette & Oliver Kelly.	(A).
Saturday,	22nd May.	St Rita of Cascia.
8.00am:	Liam Farrell.	(A)
10.00am:	Cyril Carrig and son John.	(A)
Sunday,	23rd May.	Pentecost Sunday.
6.00pm (Vigil):	Joe Nicholson.	(A).
7.30pm (Vigil):	Patrick & Patricia O Donohue.	(A).
8.00am:	No Intention.	
10.00am:	Gabriel Hannifin	(1 st A).
11.30am: Shared:	1. Johnny Hussey	(A).
	2. Mai & Paddy Devlin & sons Joe, Paddy, Eddie & Martin.	
1.00pm:	Edward Ledwith.	(A)
6.00pm:	Michael (Mick) Monaghan.	(Months Mind)

RECENTLY BAPTISED: With great joy we welcomed Boris Gabor, Abbeycartron, and Paul Stephen, Golf Links Road, Roscommon into the Christian community last weekend, the 1st newly baptised Christians of 2021.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to €2,075.00. You may drop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox. Or you may prefer to offer financial support electronically, the following are our banking details: St Mels Cathedral Account. Permanent TSB. BIC: IPBSIE2D; IBAN: IE48IPBS99073152096969

USHERS/COLLECTORS: We are renewing our appeal to you seeking assistance in the safe and effective return to public worship in the Cathedral. For all parish ministries we depend on the good will of parishioners. We are indebted to all Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, to our Baptism teams, counters, Pastoral Council members, and so many other ministries. One ministry where we are in need of additional volunteers is as Ushers/Collectors in the Cathedral, for both the weekday and the weekend Masses. If you could assist in any way we would very much appreciate it. Please contact any of the priests or any of the Ushers.

PRIESTS AVAILABLE: If you or a family member would like for one of the priests to call to your home with the Sacrament of the Sick or on First Friday's with Holy Communion, please contact the Presbytery at any time and we would be delighted to visit.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Chapel of Repose each weekday from 10.30am to 6pm and Saturday from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

VOLUNTEER WITH St. VINCENT DE PAUL: have you ever considered giving something back to the community in which you have lived and worked for the better part of your adult life. Why not consider joining St. Vincent de Paul and give of your time and expertise to help others challenged by the vices of modern life. Volunteer with SVP. Contact The Presbytery at 043-3346465.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM: The celebration of Baptism has resumed, but will be limited to 4 adults. We will facilitate single Baptisms for the moment and the Baptism can be celebrated any weekday evening or at the weekend.

ACCORD CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service has 54 centres in dioceses throughout the country. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01-5053112 or by e-mail: info@accord.ie. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in selection for this year is Friday 28th may. Registration forms are available on www.accord.ie

SHROID CHURCH. The condition of St. Michael's Church, Shroid has deteriorated significantly in recent years. It has become necessary to remove the two stained glass windows in the sanctuary as the frames are rotted and there is a danger of the windows falling out and getting damaged or being vandalised. These windows will be placed in storage to be reused at a later date.

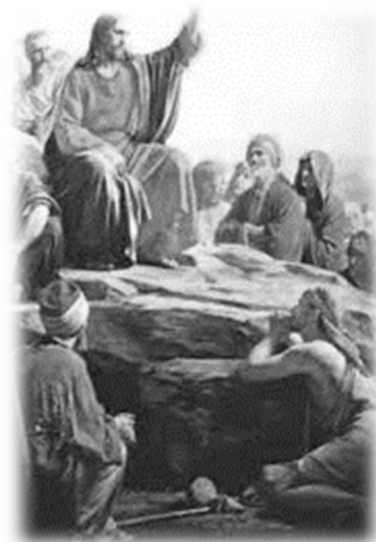
Gospel: The Ascension of the Lord. Mark 16:15-20

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Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. The one who believes and is baptised will be saved; the one 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.

REFLECTION: HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN ...



In the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that before ascending to the Father, Jesus instructed the apostles to “*remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit*” so that they might become Jesus’ “*witnesses to the ends of the earth*” by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then “*a cloud took Jesus from the sight*” of the disciples, and two heavenly messengers in white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus’ coming return to earth in glory.

In Ephesians, we hear the prayer for the Church’s growth in wisdom and knowledge and looks to the risen and ascended Christ for the power to foster this growth.

Each Sunday we profess through the Creed, “*He ascended into Heaven*”. Christ’s Ascension was the culmination of God’s Divine plan for Christ Jesus – his return to his Father with his “Mission Accomplished”. Ascension is the grand finale of all Jesus’ words and works done for us and for our salvation. It is a culmination, but not the conclusion. As Jesus is now with God in glory, so Jesus is with us now in Spirit: “*Lo, I am with you always*”. The feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the Resurrection, namely Jesus’ exaltation. Jesus did not wait 40 days to be glorified at God’s right hand. That had already happened at his Resurrection. The focus of this feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ. The Lord is now “*seated at the right hand of the Father*” as we profess in the Nicene Creed, meaning He alone is in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space or culture. Thus, in the Paschal Mystery, Jesus’ passion, death and Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit form one unbroken reality which is to be understood by Faith. The Ascension means that Jesus, His salvific suffering for our Salvation completed, is with his Father in glory. Being seated at the right hand of the Father is the fulfilment of the prophet Daniel’s version concerning the Son of Man: “*To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed*”.