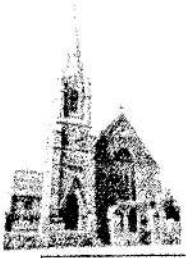


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Feast of the Ascension – 13th May 2018

This Weekend: May 12th/ 13th
7.00p.m. Anne, Lily & Joe Glennon, Cranleymore.
10.00a.m. No Intention.
12noon Aidan, Mary & John Murphy, Ringowney

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.
Thursday 17th May – Betty & Patrick Gillen
Friday 18th May – Tom Rodgers, Drumlish.

Next Weekend: May 19th/20th
7.00p.m. McLoughlin Family, Kilsallagh.
10.00a.m. No Intention.
12noon 1. Patrick & Rose Walker, Kilcoursey.
2. Catherine (Kitty) Hanley.

Offertory Collection: - €1,365.00 - sincere thanks.

CEMETERY SUNDAY is a lovely tradition of gathering to remember our deceased relatives and friends in prayer. Mass will be celebrated on Sun 1st July in Aughafin Cemetery at 12 noon. This will replace the 12.00 Mass in St. Mary's Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Congratulations to all the young girls and boys from our parish who received First Holy Communion yesterday. Sincere thanks to the teachers and all the school community who prepared the children with such dedication. Thank you to those who provided the beautiful music and to all who assisted in any way. Thank you to the Parish Pastoral Council who provided hospitality. May the children and all of us continue to appreciate the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist we celebrate our Sunday Mass.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FRANCIS re REFERENDUM

The Eight Amendment to the Constitution is a guarantee that our laws will protect mothers and unborn babies. Without 'the Eighth' some babies in the womb will be regarded as less valuable than other human lives. A society that treats some human lives as less valuable than others is putting the most vulnerable and dependant at risk. 'The Eighth' is about letting live, let's keep it.

INVITATION TO SING AT WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Parish choirs from around the country are being invited to participate in singing at the upcoming World Meeting of Families and Papal Mass. The diocese has a certain number of places and has come close to the target for women - there are still some places available for tenors. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parochial House.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS The parish community relies greatly on the involvement and goodwill of many people - thank you to one and all. We would be glad to welcome some new people as Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to volunteer please contact Mairead @ 087 - 2250101.

EDGEWORTH TOWN BREAKFAST MORNING in aid of St. May's National School Athletic track on Sun June 3rd.

ECO CONFERENCE You are Invited. Hearing The Cry of The Earth Guest Speakers: Fr. Sean Mc Donagh – Laudato Si Dr. Cara Augustenburg – The Damaged Planet Dr. Lorna Gold – What We Can Still Change Venue Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim Saturday, 26 May, 2018 9.30 – 4.00 Tea, Coffee and Lunch provided No Charge – but booking essential To Book Text: Name and Parish to 083 460 8546 or elizabethmcnamee123@outlook.com Before 18 May Spread the word... Invite your friends. Sponsors – Sisters of Mercy.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS - Mark 16:15-20

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this, he commissioned them to bring the good news to the whole world. Witnesses to the good news do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement for us in this. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?

2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?

3. The Ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he would be with them in other ways: 'The Lord worked with them'. Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you?

- John Byrne osa (INTERCOM)

MUSINGS

Today is World Communications Day. This is prayer is often shared at social media gatherings and it is a useful reminder of the importance of the Church putting out into the deep of the internet:

Christ has no online presence but yours,
No blog, no Facebook page but yours.
Yours are the tweets through which love touches the world.
Yours are the posts through which the gospel is shared.
Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed.
Christ has no online presence but yours.
No blog, no Facebook page but yours.

Meredith Gould, The Social Media Gospel

Congrats to all associated with the Edgeworthstown Players on their production last week; and to all associated with the Maria Edgeworth Literary Festival this weekend.

Pope Francis – "A Christian is never bored or sad. Rather, the one who loves Christ is full of joy and radiates joy."

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Monica Coyle, Cathal McGirr.
Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Mark Reynolds, Anne Mulligan.
Sunday 12 noon: Edel Coyle, Dolores Courtney.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARIST - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sr. Maureen Brennan, Sandra Durkan, Margaret Kelly.
Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Liz Brady, Orla Noonan, Mairead Fulham.
Sunday 12 noon: Mary Kelly McGrath, Colm O'Reilly, Ann Walker.