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Sixth Sunday of Easter - 25th May 2025

Weekend	May 24th / May 25th
7.00 p.m.	Rose Conefrey (Month's Mind).
11.00 p.m.	No Intention.
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Next Weekend: May 31st / June 1st	
7.00 p.m.	Jack Keenan - late of Marian Avenue; John and Margaret O'Connor - Marian Avenue; Deceased members of the Dolan and O'Connor families - Lisnageeraqh; Flood family - St. Patrick's Terrace.
11.00 a.m.	Joe Minogue, Lisnagrish.

Offertory Collection: Sat 17th May / Sun 18th May - €1,015 - sincere thanks.

CEMETERY SUNDAY - Cemetery Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Aughafin Cemetery @ 1.00 p.m. on Sun July 6th next.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps encouraging the little communities of Christians which they had founded.

Second Reading - This is taken from the final part of Apocalypse, and opens with the vision of a new world, and the manifestation of a new Jerusalem. This new order of things has been inaugurated by Christ.

Gospel - At the Last Supper, Jesus announces and promises the Holy Spirit to the disciples. He calls the Spirit 'the paraclete', literally 'the one who is called to be at your side'. Sometimes the word is translated to 'consoler'. What greater consolation can anyone give than the consolation of the presence of the paraclete through thick and thin.

REFLECTION

St Francis of Assisi was an ardent advocate of the doctrine of the indwelling of God in man. It enabled him to love every one equally whatever his status in life. One day he met a fellow who had no love for God. As they walked along they met a man who was blind and paralysed. St Francis asked the sightless cripple: 'Tell me if I were to restore your eyesight and the use of your limbs, would you love me?' 'Ah,' replied the beggar, 'I would not only love you but I would be your slave for the rest of my life.'

'See,' said Francis to the man who maintained that he could not love God, 'this man would love me if I gave him his sight and his health. Why don't you love God Who created you with eyesight and strong limbs?' That is what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. If we love him because of the countless blessings he has given us by 'keeping his words' he will start dwelling within us in the company of his Father and the Holy Spirit, making us the temples of the Triune God.

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- Fr Tom Heafy -

• Points to Ponder •

When someone we love leaves us, it's natural for us to not want to see them go, but if we really love them, we have to let them go. Real love allows us to release those we care about. When we try to hang on to the ones we love, we are being selfish. Jesus was preparing to die and eventually return to his Father, but the disciples did not want him to leave. He urged them to rejoice because he was leaving. His departure would allow the disciples and all believers to do great things, including growing Christianity. Jesus was more concerned for the disciples than he was for himself. He reassured them that they would not be alone. He promised them peace and hope-the same peace and hope he offers to all believers.

There are times when we feel alone and we don't know what will happen to us. We could be stranded in a strange town with a broken-down car. Our spouse has just died and our future looks bleak. You've lost your job and you have no idea what to do next. At times like these it's natural for us to ask ourselves, 'What's to become of me?' How do we take care of ourselves in such moments? For us as Christians, the answer is clear. God wants us to trust in him. When we do, we will receive both the Holy Spirit and God's peace. sermonsfrommyheart.com - INTERCOM

Wedding Jubilees - Edgeworthstown Parish Pastoral Council wish to honour all who are celebrating milestone jubilees of their marriages in 2025. We hope to invite jubilarians for a presentation at evening Mass on Sat Jun 14th next. If you are celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage, please let us know so that we can include you in the celebration. Contact details: Parochial House 043 66 71046 or edgeworthstownparish@gmail.com.

Some words of Pope Leo:

• "Peace be with you all! Beloved brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who has given his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all peoples, to all the earth. Peace be with you!"

• "We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us also, and then help each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with encounter, uniting us all to be one people always at peace."

• "Our work is to enlarge the tent and to let everyone know they are welcome inside the Church."



40th All Ireland Rosary Rally Sat June 7th Knock Shrine. Bus departs Edgeworthstown Church @ 8.00 a.m. Contact: 087-270-2785: Large crowd expected so packed lunch is advised.

Longford County Choir Summer Choral Concert with St Mel's Cathedral Choir, Soprano Maria Matthews & Tenor Dermot Deely, in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sun 1st June @ 7.30pm. Tickets €15: available from St. Mels Presbytery/Denniston's/Farrell & Coy Stationery or any Choir Member.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JUN

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Ijeoma Eze-Ejikeme. **Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Yvonne Tuite.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JUN

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Catherine Tracey, Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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