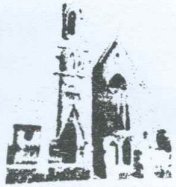


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*The Ascension of the Lord - 1st June 2025*

### This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

### May 31<sup>st</sup> / June 1<sup>st</sup>

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.

**Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor**

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June**

People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: June 7<sup>th</sup> / June 8<sup>th</sup>**

7.00 p.m.

John Smith (Eighth Anniv).

11.00 a.m.

No Intention.

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

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Fri Jun 6<sup>th</sup> - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - Before ascending to heaven Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his apostles. Now that he would no longer be bodily present among them, it would be up to them, aided by the Spirit, to be his witnesses in the world.

**Second Reading** - Paul describes the meaning of the ascension which is that God has raised Jesus above all earthly powers and made him not only head of the Church but Lord of creation.

**Gospel** - Before leaving his disciples Jesus sums up for them the meaning of his death and resurrection. Then he commissions them to preach this to all peoples. However they must not start until they have received the Holy Spirit.

### **SUNDAY REFLECTION**

The Ascension marks the transition from the first part of the Easter season to the second. In the first, the emphasis was on the appearances of the risen Lord and on the identity of this same Lord with the Jesus of Nazareth who was with the disciples during his public life. Today marks the close of this stage when Jesus is no longer visibly present to his Church. He is now exalted at God's right hand and it is from there that he exercises his authority over heaven and earth.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:edgeworthstownparish@gmail.com).

**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.

- Fr Tom Healy -

• Points to Ponder •

Christians are often tempted to ignore the bodily aspects of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. It is easier to make sense of our relationship with God or the Easter mystery on the level of the metaphysical. But this Sunday, as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we are confronted with the fact that bodies matter.

Scripture is clear that Jesus returns not as a ghost but as a physical human person. When he ascends into heaven, he does so not in some idealized form, but with all his particularities, with wounds in his hands and whip marks on his back. But also, with scars on his fingertips from cutting himself with a chisel while helping his father at work. Chicken pox scars. Callouses on his feet from the hundreds of miles he walked. Maybe he had weird tan lines or a broken toe that never healed correctly. This body is taken to heaven to rejoin God.

The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that Jesus is not the toned, beautiful white man we see in much of our art. Jesus was wounded, hurt, and scarred. His body told the story of his life from his birth in a manger until his death on the cross. And this wounded body was holy enough to enter heaven. Likewise, our bodies are holy too - not despite our disabilities, imperfections, and scars, but *because* of them.

This Sunday, I hope you take delight in your body. In how it has supported you, how it serves as a map for our past and of your future. Bodies more than matter - they are how the kingdom of God is revealed.

Emily Sanna - INTERCOM

### • World Communications Day - Journalists Prayer •

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion. Help us to remove the venom from our judgements. Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters. You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world: where there is shouting, let us practise listening; where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity; where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity; where there is sensationalism, let us raise real questions; where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; where there is hostility, let us bring respect; where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

### **The Pope's Monthly Intention**

*That our World may Grow in Compassion* - Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

### **A Blessing of St Columba - Feast 8<sup>th</sup> June**

See that you be at peace among yourselves, my children, and love one another.

Follow the example of good people of old, and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. Amen

**Pope Leo** - "Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words."

**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.*

### **WEBCAM**

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