

Parish of St. Mary's

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The Ascension of the Lord - 17th May 2026

This Weekend	May 16th / May 17th
7.00 p.m.	Anne, Lily and Joe Glennon and Jim Shine.
11.00 a.m.	Frank Rooney, Lisanure (Month's Mind) and his parents James and Bridget Rooney (Anniv).
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Fri 22nd May	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend: May 23rd / May 24th	
7.00 p.m.	1. Maureen, and Jimmy Gill (Anniv.). 2. Alan O'Hara (1 st Anniv.). 3. Liz, Andy and Margaret Devine.
11.00 a.m.	Patrick and Teresa Monaghan, Cranley more and deceased members of the Monaghan and McCormack families.

Offertory Collection: Sat 9th May / Sun 10th May - €1,185 - sincere thanks.

PRIEST'S RETREAT - The annual Priest's Retreat takes place in Knock from Mon to Thurs next. Accordingly there will be no Mass in the parish from Mon - Thurs next. Mass resumes on Fri 22nd. This is a yearly opportunity for the priests of the diocese to gather in friendship, support and prayer. As our priestly brotherhood gets older and fewer the diocesan retreat offers valuable time to build spirit and teamwork.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Congratulation to the boys and girls from second class in St Mary's National School who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that they will always appreciate the gift of the Eucharist and walk close to the Lord all the days of their lives.

CEMETERY SUNDAY - Cemetery Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Aughafin Cemetery @ 1.00 p.m. on Sun July 5th next.

Mission Appeal - Thank you for your welcome and your support to Br Brian Johnson of the Franciscan Brothers from Clara Monastery who visited our parish recently. Your kind generosity is much appreciated. The appeal has so far amounted to: €1,547.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven and his promise to send the Holy Spirit on his disciples.

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

Gospel - Jesus commissions the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and he promises to remain with them always.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - We could ask, 'how is the Risen Lord with us?' The New Testament and the Church tradition offer a rich array of "presences." Christ is present in the neighbour in need, in creation, and wherever the disciples gather, in the word proclaimed, in the sacrament celebrated through the Holy Spirit.

• **Thought for the Day** •
Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The student protested that he was unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him. 'Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?' Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the picture? This is the message of the Ascension.
- Fr Antony Kadavil (INTERCOM)

• Reflection •

'Go, preach the Gospel to all nations.'
This was the farewell command of Christ.

He has no body now on earth but ours.

He has no hands but ours

to raise up the fallen.

He has no feet but ours

to seek out the lost.

He has no eyes but ours

to see the silent tears of the suffering.

He has no ears but ours

to listen to the lonely.

He has no tongue but ours

to speak a word of comfort to the sad.

He has no heart but ours to love the unloved.

Christ often picks the little unknown people

to do his greatest work.

Artificial Intelligence - Daily we are getting used to the idea of AI - Artificial intelligence. As a test I asked Chat Gpt to tell me how to be a Christian today. This was the response:

Live Out Your Faith Daily:

Love Your Neighbour: Show kindness to everyone, including those difficult to love, and serve others.

Practice Integrity: Be honest, dependable, and avoid selfish ambition in your work and personal life.

Embrace Humility: Maintain a humble attitude in a society often focused on self-promotion.

Forgive Others: Extend the same forgiveness to others that you have received from God.

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

THE WAY is a new digital multimedia platform recently set up by the Irish Bishops. Take a look at: theway.ie

Maria Edgeworth Festival - There is something for everyone at the Maria Edgeworth Festival next weekend. Storytelling, music, poetry, art, the reptile zoo, yoga, workshops and much more. Please support your local festival. Wishing the Festival the very best for this weekend.

Longford County Choir presents Vivaldi's Gloria and Choral Favourites with Soloists; Amy Hewitt, Eimear Reynolds, Breen Mc Gee, together with Director Fintan Farrelly, in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 24th May 2026 at 7.30pm.

Tickets €15 each; Family Ticket €30 - available from Presbytery / Denniston's / Farrell Stationery / Any Choir Members.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Eoghan Noonan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Mulligan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - MAY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Maura Coyle.

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

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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Fr Tom Healy