

## The Ascension of the Lord 28 May 2017

### First Reading Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**R.** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

### Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power or domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Go, make disciples of all that nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all that nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always: to the end of time.'

**Keeping Children Safe** The diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns around their safety in any circumstance, please telephone your **Local Safeguarding Representative Sr. Maureen Tel. 087-7955726 Rockwell, Ballina or the Diocesan confidential number: 087-1003554**

**Priest on Duty: 087-2586015**

## St. Muredach's Cathedral – Daily Masses

### Monday, 29 May

8am **James & Ellen McDonagh; Deceased McDonagh family, Killala Rd./Greenhills Est.**

10am **Martin Donoghue, Hill St./ Bunnawilliam**

### Tuesday, 30 May

8am Intention.

10am **Michael, Belinda, Josie, Noel, P.J., Danno & Pat Downey, Mill St.**

### Wednesday, 31 May

8 am **Paddy Joe and Eileen Lavelle**

10am **\*William & Margaret Melvin, Quignashee.**

**\*James Freeman, Aughamore, Ballyhaunis.**

### Thursday, 1 June

8am Intention.

10am **Cathal Boyd, Toronto.**

### Friday, 2 June

8am **Aiden McDonnell, Kincon**

10am **Patrick McAndrew, (Month's Mind)**  
*Marian Crescent/ Farnascullogue*

### Saturday, 3 June

10am **Baby Sheena Cawley, Knocknalyre**  
(First Anniversary)

## St. Patrick's Church – Daily Masses

### Monday, 29 May

7.30pm **\*Danny, Celia, Donal & Vincent Smyth; Dec'd Cawley family, Garacloon/Tyrawley Tce.; Celia Gorman, Muingwar.**

**\*Martin & Nellie Herbert, Carrentila; Deceased Herbert & Prendergast family.**

### Tuesday, 30 May

9.30am **P.J. Dowd & Dec'd Dowd family, Tullysleva.**

### Wednesday, 31 May

9.30am Intention

### Thursday, 1 June

9.30am **Winnie, Martin & Denis Lackey, Ferran Tce/ Glasgow; Kaptrica Bridget McAllister, Norwich.**

### Friday 2 June

9.30am Mass for the Sick of the Parish.

### Saturday, 3 June

9.30am **Aniyah Rosemary Moyles (Baby), 41 Roches Tce. (First Anniversary)**

## Weekend Mass & Confession Times

### St. Muredach's Cathedral

**Vigil Mass Sat 7.30 pm; Sun. 8.30am, 11am & 12.30 pm**  
**Confessions: Sat. 12noon -1pm & 6.30pm – 7.15pm**

### St. Patrick's Church

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 8 pm;**  
**Sunday: 10 am Children's Mass & 12 Noon**  
**Confessions: Saturday 7.30 pm to 7.50pm**

**Cathedral Eucharistic Ministers Rota** available at Sacristy. Please collect.

**Ballina Churches Together** Bro. Thomas Crutcher, Holy Hill Hermitage is skydiving on June 17 to fundraise for Churches Together. Donate online S4C4953 or send to Michael Herron, 1 Wesley Ct., Ballina F26 R2FS

**Cake Sale for St. Dymphna's School** in St. Patrick's Parish Centre after 10am Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday June 11 in aid of St. Dymphna's Special School's Sensory Room. Your support will be much appreciated.

**Baptisms: Catherine Irene Margaret Gunning, Abbey Ct.**

**Marriage: Daniel Maughan, St. Patrick's Est.**  
**Caroline Maughan, Cluain na Ri.**

**John Kraus, Vancouver**  
**Christine Audette, Vancouver**

**Deaths: Vincent Troy, Shanaghy.**

**Beryl Ferguson, Bexley Heath, Kent.**  
**Emmett Maloney, Neiphin Court/ Foxford**  
**Willie Muldoon, 42 St. Patrick's Est.**

**Attention all exam students!! You are invited to a Special Exam Mass** at 12.30pm this Sunday in St. Muredach's Cathedral for all students preparing to sit the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations this June.

**Cathedral Restoration Collection** for the week-end of May 21 was €2,566.62 + €196 (White envelopes) : total €2,762.62. Thank you for your generosity.

**Please use the White Envelopes** stamped Cathedral Restoration Fund- available at the church doors- to make a contribution if you do not have Restoration envelopes.

**Counselling for Couples/Individuals** experiencing difficulties in their marriage/relationships. Tel. Accord 21478.

**Spiritual Journey Meeting** on Wednesdays at 10.30am in the Newman Institute.

**Active Retirement Meetings** on Thursdays at 10.30am and Whist on Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre

**Holy Hill Hermitage** Visiting Sunday June 4. All welcome to Mass at Noon with tea and tour afterwards. The Annual Family Day for July will be on Sunday June 25 instead of the First Sunday in July.

**Order of Malta Mass** for deceased members in the Kennedy Glasgow Centre, The Quay on Friday June 23 at 7 p.m. All welcome.

**Corpus Christi Procession** will take place on Sunday June 18. Commencing from the Cathedral at 3pm

**Youth Pioneers:** Congratulations to all the Young Pioneers who will receive their pins and certificates at the 10am mass in St. Patrick's Church this Sunday.

**First Communicant** children and families are invited to Mass of celebration on Sunday June 4 at 12 noon in Knock Basilica. The children are welcome to wear their communion clothes and participate in the readings and prayers.

**Baby & Toddler Market** in the Kennedy Glasgow Centre, (opposite Crockets), Quay Rd. on June 4 from 10 am-2 pm in aid of the Over 55 Club. Buy and see pre-loved/new merchandise, toys, shoes etc. Adm. €2, children free. To book a stall please telephone 0873518794.

**"Route Millennia Mayo":** You are invited to the Launch of "Route Millennia Mayo" next Wednesday May 31 at 2pm in the Jackie Clarke Collection. Professor Seamus Caulfield, Archaeologist will launch the touring trail.

### Killala/Achonry Pilgrimage to Lourdes August 23-28.

Flight from Knock. Cost €710. For details or booking contact Michael Walkin 086 6080763. Sick/Assisted Section details and booking contact Eileen O'Brien 086 4013897

### Concerted prayer effort to save the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be extended throughout the night every First Friday beginning on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11pm Friday night to 8am the following Saturday morning. The Guadalupe Pro-Life Group are calling for this concerted prayer effort to save the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment. This Amendment saves lives and is **the last remaining legal protection for children in the womb.** Please join us in praying for God's wisdom **to preserve the equal right to life for both mother and baby.** If you wish to volunteer for one or two hours during the night please contact: Bea on 087 6570007, Mary 087 6808400 or Fr. Tom 096 71365

### Bookshop in the Pastoral Centre. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

--Latest issue of the Vineyard on Sale which incorporates the Killala Diocesan Directory. Price €2.  
--Good selection of religious gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation and other items in stock.

**Stephenites Bingo** on Thursday and Sunday nights 8.30pm.

**Starcamp Summer Camp** with singing, dancing & acting for children aged 4-12 years in St. Mary's Secondary School Ballina from August 8-12 (Tues. to Sat.). [www.starcamp.ie](http://www.starcamp.ie)

**Myhomecare** are recruiting qualified *Experienced Homecare Assistants for Co. Mayo in the areas of Swinford, Castlebar, Claremorris and Ballina.* For more info please contact Pauric Mc Nern on (091) 762 426 or email [pmcnern@servisource.ie](mailto:pmcnern@servisource.ie)

**The Pro Life Campaign** Public information meeting on Wednesday May 31 in the Pastoral Care Centre, Ballina at 7.30pm. *The aim of the meeting is to inform people about the current situation regarding the 8th Amendment - Ireland's 'Right to Life' Amendment* and encourage people to become informed and get involved [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie) tel 01662 9275.

**St Vincent de Paul Shop** Ballina (72905) require household items, furniture and Bric-a brac. Collection can be arranged.

**Epilepsy Support Group** meeting on Tuesday May 30 at 11am in Hotel Ballina. Tel: 091 587640 for more information.

**Family fun day** in Enniscrone this Sunday from 12noon-6pm. Adm.: €20 per adult with children free. Live bands with kids' entertainers and fun fair for all ages

**An Teanga Bheo, Campaí an tSamhraidh:** Irish summer camps for students from 4<sup>th</sup> class in national school to 2nd year in secondary school. There is also a Leaving Certificate Preparatory course in August. Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais téigh i dteagmháil le hÓrla Ní Slaic ag 085 8512688.

**Bingo** on Monday May 29 at 8.30pm Knockmore Community Hall.

**Danceworld** summer showcase with dancing, singing & musical performances with a cast of boys & girls ranging in age from 4-18 years from all over Mayo. Five shows will run on Saturday 3rd June at 7pm, Sunday 4June at 2pm & 7pm & Monday 5 June 2pm & 7pm in Ballina Arts Centre. All tickets €10. Booking advised.

**Social Dancing** to Pat Costello on Tuesday May 30 from 9.15pm- 11.15 pm in the Great National Hotel with dancing classes from 8-9 pm

**Administrator needed for Community Employment Scheme, Knockmore area.** Usual DSP eligibility applies. Tel. Supervisor Angela O'Brien on 087-9903620

**Gortnor Abbey Class Re-union** 1972-1977 in the Great National Hotel Ballina on Sat. August 5. Contact Moira at 086 4073904 or Maura at 087 6178845 for further information.

**Moy Valley AC 5K** Summer series walk/jog/run for fun on Thursday June 1 in Enniscrone. Registration at 6.45pm beside lifeguard station; Start time for Walkers 7pm & for Runners 7.15pm. Entry Fee: Adults €5; Juveniles €2. All welcome.

**Stoma Support Group** meeting at Rock Rose House on Wednesday May 31 at 7pm. All are welcome.

**Blood Donors needed:** Please call to the Great National Hotel between Tuesday June 6 and Thursday June 8 from 4.30pm – 8 p.m. to donate blood. Lo call 1850 731 137.

**Blessing for Expectant Mothers at Knock Shrine** on Saturday June 3 at 12 Noon. Special blessing ceremony for parents who are expecting a baby. Ceremony includes short prayer for protection with blessing for all mothers-to-be and safe delivery

**Ballina Community Radio:** BCRFM will return to the airwaves broadcasting every Saturday and Sunday from 9am until 11pm on 101.9 FM from Saturday 3rd June