

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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(Ballygall, Ballymun Rd, Corpus Christi, Glasnevin & Iona Rd)

Ascension Sunday 21st May 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th May.

Monday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Fr. Des Dooley,
Tuesday	7.25	Michael Murphy	10.00	Special Intention
Wednesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Deceased members of the O'Leary and O'Shaugnessy
Thursday	7.25	Available	10.00	Betty O'Reilly
Friday	7.25	Tony & Vera Keogh	10.00	Paddy Dowdall
Saturday	10.00	- Available -	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Months Mind Remembrance Paul Price, Una Barry, Michelle Page, Thomas Lattimer, Michael Brady, Declan Foley, Gerald Cunningham, Carmel Boland, Margaret O'Brien, Jack Thompson, Ann Duffy.		
Sunday	10.00	Colm Callan		
	11.30	Nelly, Christy, Noel, Eddie & Vincent Grainger.		

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died this week, especially Paul Malone, Aiden Brogan, and Dave Fitzgerald. May they Rest in Peace.

Lourdes Kindness Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Invalid Pilgrimage with Nurses and Carers in Attendance. 22nd June 5 nights. Special Subsidised Fare €855 per person sharing (deposit €300 required & non-refundable) for more information contact Terry Clarke, 01 8348549 or 087 4129792.

Volunteers Required.

If you believe you can help in any aspect of the maintenance & growth of our Church either physically or spiritually, please see the leaflets in the porches, and complete the form and drop into the parish office.

Building Hope – Pray, Reflect, Plan

You are warmly invited to join with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – a period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from **21st-29th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Let's Gather Again

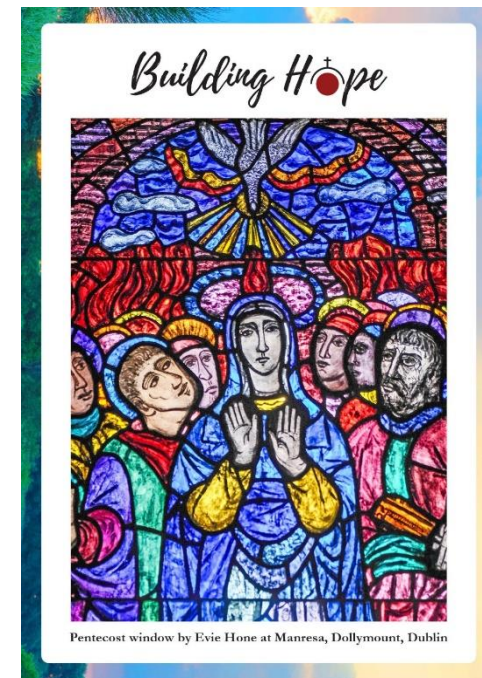
Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist @ Our Lady of Victories Church takes place on May 29 @ 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

This is not a 'training' evening for new ministers but an opportunity to gather, reflect, pray and sing in the light of this special calling. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will lead the music. It is hoped that the evening will nourish and deepen our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist while affirming this aspect of the baptismal vocation to which so many have been called throughout the Diocese.

No need to book. All welcome. Why not come along? Although primarily geared towards Ministers of the Eucharist all those involved in ministry are welcome to come along. You can also join online at www.olv.ie

Glasnevin Blessing Of Remembrance

The Blessing of Remembrance takes place in Glasnevin Cemetery at the Old Angels Memory Garden on Sunday, May 28, at 3pm. This special Blessing of Remembrance is for all parents, family members and friends whose baby is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm invitation to families whose baby is buried in other cemeteries and hope that they will find some comfort in coming together to remember their baby in a special way. For further information, call 01 8829030.





The Full Revelation

Having ascended to God's right hand, Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit on the Church and the world. He did this in order to reveal heavenly things. We *know* of God's plan for all people, but since the Ascension and Pentecost, we now also *understand* who Jesus really is. We know why he took human nature, suffered, died, was buried and rose from the dead.

Home in Heaven

In *The Acts of the Apostles* the story of the Ascension depicts two "men in white" telling the disciples ...

Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go. (Acts 1:11)

At the end of time, Jesus will return in order to complete the history of our salvation. But even now, in the Ascension, we see the destiny that God has planned for each one of us. The scriptures remind us of this again and again, telling us that "our true homeland is in heaven".

Through Faith and Baptism

Through faith and baptism, we are here and now united with the glorified Jesus. We look beyond our present life to our final and ultimate end – to be with Christ in glory. This is the end for which God created us – "to know love and serve him here on earth and to be happy with him forever in heaven".

Acknowledge Christ

The Ascension reveals to us God's gift of eternal life. To achieve this we must make the decision (and renew it over and over again throughout our lives) to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is God and Man, the saviour of the world, and live a life according to his teachings and example. ■

Summary

The taking up 'into heaven' of Enoch and Elijah was by a singular gift of God.

Since the Ascension, Jesus is even more present in the world and in the Church.

Our true homeland is in heaven.

Question

How do we live out our faith in Christ while still here on earth?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, deepen my faith in you, and help me to life it publicly.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Seasons; Ascension Year A; 21 May 2023

The Ascension



Our faith teaches us that after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven, "... the entry of his humanity into divine glory".

In the Old Testament we read that both Enoch and Elijah had been taken up "into heaven" – but this was by way of a singular gift of God (Gen 5:24; Sir 49:16; 2 Kgs 2:11).

When we speak of the Ascension of Jesus, however, we mean something quite different. The Ascension brought about the divine aspect of the destiny of Jesus, the one who taught and healed in Israel. By his return to "the right side of the Father", Jesus entered into his heavenly glory.

Ever since the Ascension, Jesus, in one sense, appears to be absent – he is no longer physically present in our world. But in another sense he is even more present in the world and in the Church. By being present with God in heaven, Jesus is omnipresent to the world, because he is God.

St Paul reminds us that Jesus has dominion over the whole of creation (Eph 1:20-23). He came from heaven to assume a human nature, and then returned to heaven in the mystery of the Ascension.

"Sitting at God's right hand" is the phrase used for the messiah's kingdom that has been inaugurated. This is the kingdom "that will have no end" as we say in the Creed.

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Sat 20 May St Bernardine of Siena : Sun 21 May Ascension : Mon 22 May St Rita of Cascia : Tue 23 May Weekday : Wed 24 May Weekday : Thu 25 May Bede the Venerable / Gregory VII / Magdalene de Pazzi : Fri 26 May St Philip Neri : Sat 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury : Sun 28 May Pentecost.
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