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Sunday 16th May 2021 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
(World Communications Day)



Bishop Martin Hayes has issued the following guidance regarding the resumption of Public Masses.

It is important that parishes ensure that their churches are safe places for people to gather in accord with the public health guidelines. We must proceed with caution as the Covid-19 virus and its variants are still present in our country. We are still fighting a contagious virus and we must ensure the health and safety of everyone in order to save lives.

I wish to advise the faithful that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended at this time and every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them at this time. Liturgies can continue to be streamed via webcam.

After the long suspension of public worship each parish must ensure that;

- **stewards are to be in place for all liturgical gatherings,**
- **sanitisation stations are operational,**
- **entry and exit points and routes are clearly indicated,**
- **seating is 2 meters apart within the church (with household groups seated together).**
- **mask wearing is mandatory for all gatherings in a church,**
- **the church must be sanitised after each liturgical celebration and**
- **parishioners are to be encouraged not to gather outside the church or in the carpark after liturgical celebrations.**

Today's Gospel Reflection – 'Go out to the whole world.'

Today marks the 55th World Communications Day, and the theme for this year is '*Come and See: Communicating by encountering people where and as they are*'. In his message to mark the occasion, Pope Francis emphasizes the *importance of meeting people where they are*, just as Jesus did with those he encountered: '*We need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us.*' **All communication, he says, should strive to be clear and honest**, whether in the media, on the internet, in the Church's preaching, or in social interaction.

He has a particular message for all who use social media: 'Thanks to the internet we have the opportunity to report what we see, what is taking place before our eyes, and to share it with others. At the same time, **the risk of misinformation** being spread on social media has become evident to everyone. *All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share*, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it. **All of us are to be witnesses of the truth:** to go, to see and to share.' It is fitting that this day coincides with the Feast of the Ascension.

First Communion and Confirmation: The Government advised that these ceremonies should not take place at present. The difficulty is not with the ceremony but with what happens afterwards. Fr Paul will chat with the parents to discuss possible dates in August for Confirmation and October for Holy Communion. By then, more people will have been vaccinated and thus, be safer for everyone.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
John & Rose Frances Kelly, Sweetwood. **Eugene McTernan**, Fawn, & **his Parents, Patrick & Winifred**. Mass on Sunday 16th May at 11.15am (*streamed live*).
Catherine Gordon, nee Connaughton. Memorial Mass on Wednesday 19th May at 9.30am
Tony Flynn. Corrigeencor. Memorial Mass on Friday 21st May at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).
Kathleen McCawley, Dowra. **Francis Harte**, Kilcoosy & Dublin. Mass on Sun 23rd May at 11.15am
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for May: Readers** - Drumlease N.S (from Sunday 16th May); **Collectors** - John McMorrow & Tommy Sweeney; **Altar Society** - Chris McGoldrick.

CHURCH OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
John Healy, Sligo & Fawline. Mass on Sunday 16th May at 10.00am.
Available for Intention. Mass on Thursday 20th May at 8.00pm.
James & Margaret Rooney, Gortnaskeagh & **Patrick Rooney**, Mullies. Mass on Sun 23rd May
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for May: Reader** - Leckaun N.S (from Sunday 16th May); **Collectors** - Hubert Loughlin & Paul McDermott; **Altar Society** - Bernadette Banks & Mai Devaney.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass:** Tuesday at **8.00pm** (followed by Rosary); Saturday (Vigil) at **8.00pm (please note change of time on both days)**.
2. **Pray for:**
John P. McMorrow, Sligo & his sister **Maura Miney**, Carrick on Shannon, both of whom died recently. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 15th May at **8.00pm.**
Available for Intention. Mass on Tuesday 18th May at **8.00pm.**
Available for Intention. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 22nd May at **8.00pm.**
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for May: Readers** – Carmel Loughlin (from Saturday 15th May); **Collectors** - John McMorrow & Seamus Reynolds; **Altar Society** - Patsy McGoey & Bernadette Feeney.

O'Rourke's Table Fundraiser

We are excited to announce our first fundraiser for the development of our beloved O'Rourke's Table 'Step It Up. for O'Rourke's Table'

It's easy to get involved, all you need to do is get out and get those steps in. 2km, 5km, 10km, whatever you can manage. You then donate €5 online via the **iDonate link on the O'Rourke's Table** Facebook or Instagram page **and nominate 5 others to take on the challenge.**

If you are not on Social Media and would like to donate, please contact Denise on 086-1207872 and we organise your donation. Please share and let's get moving! Every donation counts!

Kilmore Diocese Apostolic Work Missions Fundraising Draw

For almost 100 years Apostolic Workers have been supporting Irish Missionaries to bring Love, Hope & Practical Help to the most impoverished people in the world.

Please HELP us reach 100 years by supporting our fundraising draw.

Tickets €50 each for inclusion in twelve monthly draws. Cash prizes of €200 & €100 on offer each month.

Tickets available in this parish from Bridget Fitzpatrick – 087 2333343.

Your support for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.

Offertory Envelopes/Dues: If you wish to bring your contributions up to date, you may do so in the coming weeks in the Church. A special word of ***Thanks to all who handed in envelopes. Much appreciated.***

