

NEWSLETTER 1st June 2025 The Ascension of the Lord

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The Ascension of Jesus

The Ascension of Jesus, traditionally depicted with Christ rising into the heavens, surrounded by awe-struck disciples and radiant clouds, remains one of the most profound moments in the Christian narrative. The disciples stare upward, stunned, like someone watching the last signal bars of a livestream fade away. And then, two figures appear - angelic messengers - saying, in effect, *"Why are you still watching the sky? The next chapter is yours to write."* In modern language, it's like a prompt at the end of a movie: *"To be continued... by you."*

The Ascension isn't just a story of Jesus going "up." It's a pivot point. It transforms his followers from spectators into participants. In a culture saturated with content and commentary, the message of the Ascension is countercultural: stop consuming and start living the story. It's a call to action.

We might imagine the heavens not as some literal outer space destination, but as a new dimension of reality - one not visible by telescope, but experienced through love, justice, peace, and hope. Jesus ascending is Jesus transcending. And that's where modern imagination meets ancient truth. The clouds that received him could be seen as divine firewalls, lifting him beyond the limits of earthly perception - an upload into God's eternal network. In a world where people long for connection, purpose, and leadership, the Ascension offers something radical. It says: *You are now the hands and feet of Christ. You carry the signal. You are the miracle people will see.*

So when we look at the Ascension through modern eyes, we don't diminish its power - we rediscover it. We are reminded that the kingdom of God doesn't float above us like a satellite out of reach. It lives and breathes in the here and now, in every act of love, courage, and faith.

And that - like a signal strong and steady - is a message still rising.



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Check out Notices & Events on our website for details

Young Adult Faith Gathering Knock June 14th

Workshop on Synodality Kildare June 28th

Priest on call this week

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Homily of Pope Leo at inaugural Mass in St. Peter's Square, Rome.

"Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church. In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns! We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Statue of The Sacred Heart (Full itinerary of the visit to Killaloe Diocese available on imeallboirne.ie)

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you.

St Anthony's Novena

Begins on Wednesday 4th to Friday 13th June (feast of St Anthony) at the Franciscan Friary Ennis. Led by Fr Kieran Fitzsimons OFM
Daily Mass 10am and 7.30pm Sunday Mass at 10.30am
All are welcome

Bus to the All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine, Saturday June 7th. Leaving St Joseph's, Ennis at 9am. Returning 5.30pm. €25 bus ticket (subject to filling the bus). To book a seat text Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-275 2578 More details at www.rosaryrally.ie

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, takes place on Sun. July 6th, 2025. We are inviting new members from the Parishes and community to consider attending our pilgrimage. Bus will be leaving St. Joseph's church, Ennis at approx. 9.30am. Brigdale Coaches 086-8034092 Contact - Claire 065-6828638 Killaloe Diocesan Office

Dare to Hope—Young Adult Faith Gathering

Saturday June 14th, Knock Shrine. See imeallboirne.ie for more details

Healthcare & Childcare Recruitment Event, Tuesday 10th June, 10am -12 midday. Located in College of Further Education & Training, Ennis Campus V95KT95. Arrive on the day or pre-book your free ticket to attend through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/>

The Roscommon Solstice Choir will be performing a charity concert in aid of the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind in St Josephs Church, Miltown Malbay on the 15th June. Tickets are €15 or €50 for a family of 4 and can be booked by phoning Mary on 086 3296475

Mass of Anniversaries

May 31st

Tubber 6.30pm, Dysart 8pm

June 1st

Ballinruan 9.30am, Kilnaboy 9.30am

June 8th

Rath 9.30am

June 14th

Boston 6.30pm, Ruan 8pm

June 15th

Crusheen 9.30am, Corofin 11am

Please contact Imeall Boirne Office with names of your loved ones to be included in the Mass of Anniversaries.

Baptisms

Baptisms will take place on Saturdays from 2pm rotating between all four parishes. Information available on imeallboirne.ie Please contact Imeall Boirne Office for more details.

Thought for the Week

"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying 'I will try again tomorrow'." Mary Anne

Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Sunday June 1st

Kilnaboy 9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Anniversaries
Ann Redmond, Sean Mullins & Deceased Family
Members, Nuala Collins, Mattie & Peg Keane &
Deceased Family members.

Corofin 11am Mass for the People

Morning Masses

Corofin: Monday/ Thursday / Friday at 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Corofin each Friday 10:00 am - 5 pm

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Sunday 8th June

Rath 9.30am Mass of Anniversaries
Imelda Horan

Corofin 11am Mass for the People

Hop-on, Hop-off Shuttle Bus The free and bookable
'Burren and Cliffs Explorer' will run from May 1st to
August 31st, travel hassle-free to Ballyvaughan, Corofin,
Carran, Kilfenora, Doolin, Liscannor, and Lahinch
<https://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/burren-and-cliffs-of-moher-explorer/>

Corofin Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday June 3rd 7.30pm, 1A Laghtagoona.

*Thank-you for your recent
donations and continued support*

Tubber / Boston

Saturday May 31st

Tubber 6.30pm Mass of Anniversaries
Mary Hanberry, Michael & Mary Scanlon.

Morning Mass:

Tubber Church on Friday at 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Tubber Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Saturday 7th June

Boston 6.30pm Mass for the People

Honouring Sacred Sites

June 22nd – Inchicronan Priory (The Island) 11am

June 23rd – Mass Rock, Kilnaboy

July 24th – St. Blathmhac's, Rath

August 15th – Holy Well, Tubber

September 13th – St. Brigid's Well, Crusheen

Ruan / Dysart

Saturday May 31st

8pm Dysart Mass of Anniversaries
Caroline O'Halloran, Francis O'Halloran,
Kate O'Halloran, Angela Collins, Mary Collins,
Deceased Members of the Sweeney Family
(Drumeer)

Morning Masses

Dysart: Wednesday at 9.30am

Ruan: Thursday at 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Dysart - Wednesday from 10:00am to 1 pm

Ruan - Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Saturday 7th June

8pm Ruan Mass for the People

Crusheen / Ballinruan

Saturday May 31st

Crusheen 4pm Christina O'Loughlin RIP Month's Mind

Sunday June 1st

Ballinruan 9.30am John Clune RIP Month's Mind

Mass of Anniversaries

Morning Mass

Crusheen Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Crusheen Thurs 10:00am to 9:00pm

Sunday 8th June

Crusheen 9.30am Mass for the People

Crusheen Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 9th June 8pm

Crusheen Garda Station Opening Hours for June

3rd 7pm – 10pm

9th 12pm – 3pm

11th 7pm – 10pm

17th 12pm – 3pm

24th 12pm – 3pm

26th 7pm – 10pm

A Prayer for Students Sitting Exams

God our Father, we ask you to help
those students sitting exams in the coming
weeks. We seek Your peace and Your
guidance, which drives out fear and doubt in
their hearts.

Give them the gift of good memory, so
that they may do their best with the talents
and abilities you have given
them. **Amen**

*Exam Mass Cards available from
Churches & Imeall Boirne Office*



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL RITE

- P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. For we have sinned against you.
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
C. And grant us your salvation.
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
C. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. R.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill, God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

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.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.