

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17TH 2026



Imeall Boirne
Pastoral Area

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Mass Times

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Ruan 8:00 pm

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Kilnaboy 9:30 am (1st &
3rd)
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9:30am

Today we celebrate the glorious Feast of the Ascension, the moment when Jesus, after His resurrection, returns to the Father in heaven. But this is not just a farewell- it is a moment of hope and mission. The Feast of the ascension reminds us that even though Jesus has ascended into heaven and is no longer physically visible, we can still “feel the pull” of His presence through the Holy Spirit, guiding, strengthening, and leading us toward heaven. His Ascension is not an absence but a new way of being present with us always.

The message of Ascension is that, in this world of doubt and darkness, cruel deeds and act of kindness, the Lord is ever at our side. We may not have immediate answers to our nagging questions. But when we unite our sufferings, our meaninglessness, our brokenness, our infirmities to Christ we find meaning even amidst meaninglessness and consolation even amidst desolation. Jesus transforms our Gethsemane experience into an ascension experience.

The Ascension does not mean that Christ has abandoned us; rather, it means that His work continues through us. The disciples were not left helpless. Jesus promised them the coming of the Holy Spirit, who would give them the courage and strength to carry out His mission. And that same Holy Spirit is given to us

Each of us is called to be a witness of Christ's love in the world. Not everyone is called to preach from a pulpit, but all of us can preach through our lives- by showing kindness, by forgiving others, by being a source of hope in our families and communities. Think of the apostles before the Ascension. They had been fearful, uncertain, and hesitant. But after receiving the Holy Spirit, they went out with boldness and joy, proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth. That same Spirit is alive in us today. Are we ready to live our faith boldly?

The Ascension is not an ending- it is a new beginning. It marks the moment when the disciples must take responsibility for their faith and actively live it out. The same is true for us.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, the great teacher of prayer and founder of the Redemptorists, often reminded us that Jesus is always near to those who trust in Him. Though He has ascended, He remains present in the Eucharist, in the Holy Spirit, and in our hearts. Alphonsus would encourage us to turn to Christ with great confidence, knowing that He intercedes for us and will never abandon us.

So, let us take these three messages to heart: Trust in Christ's intercession- He is at the right hand of the Father, praying for you at this very moment. Bring your struggles and hopes to Him with confidence. Embrace your Mission- Do not just stand still in your faith. Go and be a witness of Christ's love in your family, your workplace, and your community. Rely on the Holy Spirit- You are not alone. The Spirit of God is within you, giving you the courage to live as a true disciple.

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Mass of Anniversaries

May 16th

Boston 6.30 pm/ Ruan 8pm

May 17th

Crusheen 9.30am

Corofin 11am

June 6th

Tubber 6.30pm/ Dysart 8pm

June 7th

Ballinruan

June 14th

Rath 9.30am

June 20th

Boston 6.30 pm/ Ruan 8pm

June 21st

Kilnaboy 9.30am

Crusheen 9.30am

Corofin 11am

Holy Communion Ceremonies

Congratulations to the young people who celebrated Communion for the First Time this weekend. Please keep them and all our young people in your prayers.



Residential Retreats July 2026: Led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ

3-Day Retreats: Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing, Adoration. Dates: July 7th – 9th and July 14th – 16th 5-Day Ignatian Retreat: This is an opportunity to reflect on life in light of God's boundless love and to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus. Dates: July 20th – 24th Venue: De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8. Visit our website for more details: www.ruachcatholicministry.org Contact: Oonagh 086 1736181 or Phyllis 085 7733037

June 19th St. Mary's Church, Ruan.

Mass and a gathering to honour Fr. Pat's Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination. All welcome to celebrate with Fr. Pat.

Knock Shrine All Ireland Rosary Rally Sat, 6th June

Join pilgrims from around Ireland and beyond to pray for a renewal of faith in Ireland, and for peace in the world. The day itself will include talks, Mass, anointing of the sick & a healing service. See allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details . Bus Information Seamus Enright: 087 2752578 Lourda Dunne: 087 2237191

'Into the Deep' The May edition of the Killaloe Diocesan Newsletter is now available to view on www.imeallboirne.ie. It features a wide range of interesting stories and updates from across the diocese. The newsletter helps keep us connected as we continue to share the Good News within our communities.

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 13-15 November 2026 and 26-28 February 2027. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org **Married Couples course** Weekend residential courses available. 14-15 November 2026 and 27-28 February 202. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

The Burren & Cliffs Explorer Free Shuttle Bus Service is set to commence on Thursday, May 21st, and will run until Sunday, September 20th 2026. For more details contact cliffsofmoher@claretourismdev.ie +353 65 708 6141

Cliffs of Moher Experience Annual Charity Fun Day:

Saturday, 23rd May 2026 Clare residents are invited to pre-book complimentary admission for the day by using the promo code 'CHARITYDAY26' on our booking system. We aim to raise much needed funds for our chosen charity, Milford Care Centre.

Thought for the Week

Jesus is living next to you, in the brothers and sisters with whom you share your daily existence.'

St. John Paul II.

Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Sunday 17th May

Kilnaboy 9.30am *Martina Thompson RIP Anniversary*

Corofin 11am *Teresa Scanlon RIP Month's Mind Mass*

Mass of Anniversaries

Cronan Nagle, Jack Ringrose,

Patricia Moroney (Ballyportry)

Tommie & Bridget Egan & deceased family members

Jimmy & Sean O'Brien (Lisduff)

Weekday Masses

Corofin: *Monday, Thursday & Friday at 9:30am*

Adoration of the Eucharist

Corofin *each Friday 10:00 am - 5 pm*

Sunday 24th May

Rath 9.30am *Mass for the People*

Corofin 11am *Mass for the People*

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 19th May Community Hall 8pm.

Rosary at Our Lady's Grotto in Corofin

Each evening during May at 8pm . All Welcome.

Corofin Village Market Sunday 17th May 10am-

1pm, Community Hall. Fruit, veg, flowers, books, tea, coffee, cake....come along and enjoy !

Corofin Library Book Club 'Night Swimmers'

by Roisin Maguire contact library for more details.

Ruan / Dysart

Saturday 16th May

Ruan 8pm *Mass of Anniversaries*

Frank & Tess Brohan & Their Granddaughter

Caoimhe Lynch,

Deceased Members of the Brohan Family,

Kate Moriarty, Michael & Teresa Moloney,

Sonny & Mary O'Halloran, Kevin O'Brien

Michael Lynch & Deceased Family Members (Crusheen)

Christina & Audrey Mahony.

Morning Masses

Dysart *Wednesday at 9.30am*

Ruan *Thursday 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 23rd May

Ruan 8pm *Mass for the People*

The Rosary will be recited in St. Mary's Church, Ruan each evening during May at 7pm & at the Grotto in Fountain at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Fun Run Ruan NS on Thursday 21st May at 7pm. Registration from 6:00pm at Ruan National School. Individual entry €10. Family €20.

Alzheimer's Tea Day Thanks to all who supported the fundraiser in Ruan Community Centre. €972

was raised for the local Alzheimer's

Daycare Centre in Cahercalla.

Newly Baptised We welcome Evan Hunt into the Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism.



Crusheen / Ballinruan

Sunday 17th May

Crusheen 9.30am *Mass of Anniversaries*

Liam O'Haire, Mary, Paddy & Pat O'Donnell,

Tony McNamara, Vincent Falvey,

Deceased members of the Hogan Family

(Cloonawillin)

Weekday Masses

Crusheen *Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am*

Adoration of the Eucharist

Crusheen *Thurs 10:00am to 8:00pm*

Sunday 24th May

Crusheen 9.30am *Mass for the People*

Praying the Rosary during the month of May

St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen, @ 8pm each evening during the month of May.

Bus going to Knock on Saturday 30th May from

Crusheen. Please contact Josephine Kearney

086 8810889 for further details.

Crusheen Garda Station open hours:

21st May 7pm – 10pm 27th May 3pm – 6pm

Thank-you for your recent donations
& continued support.

Tubber / Boston

Saturday 16th May

Boston 6.30pm *Mass of Anniversaries*

Mary & James Walsh (Turloughmore)

& their daughter Josephine Heneghan

Mick Mullins (Killtackey)

Christy Lee .

Weekday Mass

Tubber *Friday 9.30am*

Adoration of the Eucharist

Tubber *Tuesday 7pm - 8pm*

Saturday 23rd May

Boston 6.30pm *Mass for the People*

Rest in Peace



Annie O'Loughlin, Corofin

Jimmy Hehir, Dysart, New York.

Gone no further than God and God is very near

