



PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK

21ST MAY 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

In celebrating the Feast of the Ascension today we are recalling the last physical manifestation of Jesus to His disciples after His Resurrection. It would be unthinkable that the appearances of Jesus up to this point should grow fewer and fewer until they just stopped. That would have wrecked the faith of any believer. Rather there had to come a day when the Jesus of earth finally became the Christ of Heaven and that is what we actually celebrate today. But Jesus' Ascension into Heaven not only assures us that not only have we now someone in Heaven sitting at God's right hand, who will intercede for us but we also receive a great promise.

The Feast of the Ascension not only reveals to us the splendid destiny that awaits us but also what we must do to attain that destiny. Be active in sharing and spreading His faith and by obeying all He commanded us. And so through this feast may we renew our witness to Christ and seek the help, strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit in this, so that we may truly gain our dwelling place in Heaven, because what we sow now is what we will harvest on our day of Ascension.

REFLECTION

We are born in exile and die there too. As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return. We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen. Like homing birds that are released in a strange country, and know no rest until they return home, so it is with us. When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him. You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.

SECOND COLLECTION -Diocesan Education Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. This collection is primarily in support for the tuition and accommodation fees of students preparing for the Priesthood, the permanent diaconate and those lay faithful in vocational on-going formation in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We thank you for your generosity.

TRÓCAIRE We wish to extend our thanks to all our parishioners who donated towards this year's Trócaire Lenten campaign. The total raised was €2,628.06. Your generosity is very greatly appreciated by Trócaire.

BAPTISMS are conducted weekly at 2.00pm on a Saturday and at 12:30pm on a Sunday. Contact the parish office to arrange a day and time for the Baptism. Please give at least one month's notice.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Takes place in our Church, Tuesdays 10.30 am to 4.00 pm and every first Friday of the month 10.30am to 4.00 pm. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.

WEDDINGS Please note that three months' notice must be given to any of the priests, and also to the Civil Registrar.

SILVER JULILEE Fr. Peter Hassan celebrates his 25th anniversary to the priesthood on Tuesday 20th June. We will celebrate with a special Mass at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. All are welcome to come along to celebrate this special Mass with us.



PRIESTS IN PARISH
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COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

"Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ."

Anniversary and Remembrance Masses

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Mass details. Includes entries for Saturday 20th May, Sunday 21st May, Monday 22nd May, Tuesday 23rd May, Wednesday 24th May, Thursday 25th May, Friday 26th May, Saturday 27th May, and Vigil Sunday 28th May.



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Seán Kirk, Mount Avenue. Brian McConnon, Oldbridge, Toberona and formerly of Mount Avenue. John Vernon, Cloneen Drive, Ard Easmuinn. Patrick Brennan, Ard Easmuinn.



ST.PATRICKS KNOCK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE -Saturday 3rd June . Contact the Parish Office on (042) 933 4648. Limited Spaces Available. €25 per seat. Departing St. Patrick's at 7.45am. Spiritual Director: Fr. Stephen.

PENTECOST PROGRAMME

All are welcome to the following three remaining Monday nights, 8pm-9.30pm, 22nd May, 29th May, & 12th June in "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk. A91 WOC 9 Tel 042-9331602.

ALONE "Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: https://alone.ie/volunteers/ for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539."

Table with 4 columns: WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT, TOTAL, CHURCH, ENVELOPE. Row 1: Parish collection 14th May 2023, €2,173.31, €854.93 Special €741.88, €576.50. Row 2: Thank you

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT

The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy.

