

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	15 May	7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mick Dunne & remember his mam Anne whose anniversary also occurs. Madge & Eamon Mitchell. Birthday Remembrance Sean Dunne & remember all the deceased members of the Dunne family. Sheila & Dick Underwood. John Cassidy.
Sun	16 May	10.00am	Month's Mind – Liam Donohoe. Goretti Dunne.
Sun	16 May	10.45am	The Rosary will be recited after Mass.
Mon	17 May	9.30am	Kathleen Greene, her brother John and her parents.
Tue	18 May	9.30am	Special Intention.
Tue	18 May	10am to 12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass.
Wed	19 May	9.30am	Frank & Brigid Lawlor.
Thur	20 May	9.30am	Josie Lawlor & remember her parents Jane & Peter Lowry.
Fri	21 May	9.30am	Christopher Lawlor.
Sat	22 May	7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Billy Power and remember his wife Joan. John Duffe and remember his wife Maudie. 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Anne Quine. Sean O'Connor and remember his brother Tim. Mary Armstrong. Kit Dempsey and remember his wife Mary. Tony Byrne and remember his mam and dad Brigid and Anthony. Joe Nevin & remember his wife Kitty. Tim Fox, Newtown. Pat Curley & remember the deceased members of the Curley & Boothman families.
Sun	23 May	10.00am	

### CHURCH RE-OPENING

Following the easing of government restrictions, our Church is now open for public Masses as follows:

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday & Friday 9.30am  
Saturday 7.30pm  
Sunday 10.00am

Social distancing must be adhered to at all times. Only 50 people are allowed in the church for Mass. Our stewards will be on hand to direct you to your seats. Face coverings to be worn at all times.

During this pandemic Sunday Mass is NOT obligatory, Bishop Denis has given a dispensation that if someone attends ANY weekday Mass, their Sunday obligations are met. All masses will also be available via Webcam.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion – On hold until further notice from Bishop Denis.

Funerals & Weddings: Maximum of fifty people can attend.

Baptisms: Only one family per ceremony and maximum six people can attend.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Fr. Bernard Reyhart



## PARISH OF CARAGH *Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph* *Prosperous*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
World Communications Day

16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

No 1191

### THE ROSARY



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
We will recite the Rosary after all Masses during May.

## The Deep End – 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 emphasises 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. Before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final instruction: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.' Our challenge is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.

*'Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.'* (Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Communications Day)

Written for the Intercom Magazine by Triona Doherty

**Welcome, welcome, welcome – Today is certainly a good day and a day of hope. We are once more able to join together in the celebration of Sunday Mass, having been physically separated for over four months. We give thanks for this great gift.**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“The art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at a tempting moment.”

### **PRIEST PHONE NUMBERS**

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### **Safeguarding children**

#### **Parish Designated persons:**

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#### **Diocesan Safeguarding Director:**

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### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Tuesdays from 10am until 12noon

### **SINCERE THANKS**

I want to express my gratitude to the team of volunteers who came in and literally got down on their knees and cleaned the church over the last couple of weeks getting it ready for Public Worship this week. I really appreciate all your hard work and it has to be said our church is looking so much better after the cleaning. God bless you all. *Fr. Bernard*

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **iCatholic player can be accessed via [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)**

#### **“What does God want for us now?”**

Bishop Brendan Leahy explains to Wendy Grace how the Irish Bishops are inviting submissions about the pathway to the National Synod.

### **TROCAIRE**

Please remember to drop back your Trócaire Box to the sacristy after Mass or to the parish office on Thursday and Friday mornings between 10am to 12 noon.

### **First Reading 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.’

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 46(47):2-3,6-9**

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

*God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

### **Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-13**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

*When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.*

When it says, ‘he ascended’, what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

### **Gospel Acclamation Mt28:19,20**

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

### **Gospel Mark 16:15-20**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them: ‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.’ And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

### **Nicene Creed**

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

### **LAUDATO SI**

Laudato Si’ Week 2021, to be held May 16-25, will be the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si’ Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. Laudato Si’ Week 2021 will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and prepare for the future with hope.

### **PRAYER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Heavenly Father, You have taught us, through your servant St Francis, that all creation is your handiwork. Grant us your grace that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth; Tread lightly upon it; and cherish its resources; That our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations, and your name be glorified through all that you have made. Amen.

### **A Call to Action - Three actions you can do between now and Pentecost**

Pentecost is often considered the birth of the Church. The ministry of Jesus is now made visible through our actions and life as members of His Church. The gift of the Holy Spirit helps us to carry out this witness to Jesus. In anticipation of Pentecost, as part of a Church that is still very much alive and gifted with the Holy Spirit, the diocese is inviting you to do three things:

**One:** Mary and the disciples waited in prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to pray the ‘Prayer from Ascension to Pentecost’ each day between now and the Feast of Pentecost.

**Two:** For this week, decorate the door of your home with some image of Pentecost. This might include an image of the Holy Spirit / Dove / Red ribbons / Wind chimes.

**Three:** Wear an item of red clothing on Pentecost Sunday whether you are able to come to church or not!