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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

13th May 2018

Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!



The Ascension of the Lord

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." - Mk 16:15b-17, 18c

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MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday–Friday

7.30 am & 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation

6.30 Vigil and 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Confessions immediately following the 10.30am on Saturday and at the parish office by request

ST. MARY'S, BALLYGUNNER

Sunday

7.00pm Vigil, Sunday 11.00am

Holy Days of Obligation

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am

First Friday:

9.30am



IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11.

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34.

Gal 5:16-25.

Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome
Matthew Alexander Phelan
and Lily Grace Killeen
who were baptised recently.
Please keep them and their parents and
godparents in your prayers.



Last Sunday's Collection
€ 2,316
Thank you for your generous offering

De la Salle Day: to celebrate De la Salle Day, Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph & Benildus church on Friday 18th May at 11.30am.

Please note: there will be no 10.30am Mass in the church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus on Saturday 19th May, as there will be a Confirmation Ceremony at 11.00am that morning.

Lasallian Projects 2018

Brother Thomas Walsh and Mr. Tom O'Neill will speak about their summer project in Keelamudian (India) at all Masses in St. Joseph & St. Benildus church and in St. Mary's, Ballygunner next weekend (19th/20th May). They will be holding a collection outside the churches after each Mass. Thank you for your support.

VOCI LADIES CHOIR

Present Bob Chilcott's ***A Little Jazz Mass***
Sunday 13th May at 12.30pm, Medieval Museum, Waterford.
Tickets €7 / €5 on the door. Musical Director: Fintan Scanlon.
Accompanied by Siobhan Keappock
Special Guest: Jennifer Hartery, Classical Guitar.

WHY DINE ALONE?

The Parish Friendship Lunch, which takes place on the 2nd Monday of every month, will be held Mon 14th at 1pm in Oskar's. All welcome

Choose Life 2018

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Choose Life 2018 @ChooseLife2018
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This newsletter is designed by the Catholic Communications Office. Its purpose is to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life.

"We're in unprecedented times with constantly changing social and moral values. Our contribution to our families, the Church and society has never been more important."

Catherine Wiley, from Mayo, is founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association >

Catherine's Story "As Catholic grandparents we love our grandchildren – those who are born and those waiting to be born. We believe it is only fair that they, like us, should be given their chance at life, however short or fragile it may be.

"We instinctively understand the challenges that face our daughters and our sons as parents because we have lived similar challenges in our own lives. The lasting happiness of our own children is of the utmost importance to us and we will do all that we can to support them in their own role as parents. There is no sacrifice that a loving grandparent will not make for their child or their grandchild. Family always comes first.

"We appreciate that abortion may sometimes seem to offer an immediate solution to a difficult situation. Quite apart from what it would do to our grandchildren, however, we cannot see how it could ever serve the lasting happiness of our children.

"We're living in unprecedented times with constantly changing social and moral values. Our contribution to the family, the Church and society was never as important. Sometimes we feel like we are failing. We can never fail if we keep praying, showing the way and passing on our faith.

"This is probably the most important job we will ever have and, for many of us, it may be our last. It is one from which we can never retire, so let us do our best. We owe it to our grandchildren. We simply want the best for them. We want them to be good people who make the world a better place, to know the difference between right and wrong and to be able to make informed moral decisions.

"I encourage all grandparents to turn to God's spirit of wisdom and courage and protect Ireland's culture of life for future generations."

What can I do?

Why not pray for expectant mothers and unborn children at 8am and/or 8pm every day? Prayer resources are available on www.chooselife2018.ie

Your Questions

What if my baby won't survive?

Many parents who received this news and continued their pregnancy to term say the chance to hold and care for their child, even if just for a few moments, helped them to grieve and heal after their child passed away. They have memories that they cherish and are consoled knowing they did all they could to care for and love their sick baby. As a society, we should strive to increase and improve perinatal hospice care and support for these babies and their families.

As well as medical assistance what support is available?

One Day More and *Every Life Counts* are Irish charities which offer support to mothers and fathers of babies with life-limiting conditions. They enable families to make meaningful plans for their child's life, birth, and death, in a dignified way that honours the baby as well as the baby's family.

Amoris

Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

**A Programme of Preparation for the World Meeting of Families
for St Lawrence Pastoral Area**



MONDAY 14th MAY
SESSION ONE
The Reality of Family Life Today



MONDAY 21ST MAY
SESSION TWO
The Christian Vision for the Family



MONDAY 28TH MAY
SESSION THREE
God's Dream for Love



MONDAY 11TH JUNE
SESSION FOUR
Married Love Growing to Maturity



MONDAY 18TH JUNE
SESSION FIVE
God's Mercy – No One Excluded



MONDAY 25TH JUNE
SESSION SIX
A Gospel of Hope for our Families

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE
14th May - 25th June
7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Based on the Pope's Francis' document on
Love, Marriage and Family
(The Joy of Love: 'Amoris Laetitia')**

Using engaging short videos, animations and activities to encourage discussion, the programme offers an opportunity to think about our vision and hopes for family and marriage, and a chance to rediscover the gift that family is to the world.

It takes place over six weeks.

***We are All part of one Family
and all are Welcome***

MASSES	12th/13th May 2018 <i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	19th/20th May 2018
6.30pm Saturday	Margaret Byrne	Ralph Pheasey
10.00am Sunday	Nora McCarthy	Rita McEvoy Pauline Waldron
12 Noon Sunday	Cora McGrath Michael Crowe <i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>	Nora Kennedy
7.00pm Saturday	Elaine O'Donovan	Thomas & William Power
11.00am: Sunday	M.M Breda Bennett Charlie, Nancy, Jim, Pat & Darren O'Sullivan	Dick Cullinane Marie Dwyer



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