

Parish of Keady, Derrynoose and Madden
Ascension of the Lord, 21st May 2023

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CHURCH NOTICES

From Monday 22nd May 2023 – Sunday 28th May 2023

KEADY

Monday: Novena Mass at 7pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 10am

No Mass Thursday.

Saturday Vigil: Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass at 11.30am

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 -6.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday & Friday 3-6pm in the main church

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited during the month by Clergy & Lay Ministers of Holy Communion

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - Rosary will be said in Keady 30 minutes before Mass every day and at 6.30pm on Thursdays.

The Legion of Mary will also lead the Rosary at the Grotto at 3pm

Every Sunday during the month of May.

DERRYNOOSE

Thursday 25th May Mass at 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration: before Thursday Mass

Sunday 28th May Mass at 10am

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited by Canon Crawley during the month.

MADDEN

Thursday 25th May No Mass

Sunday 28th May No Mass

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited during the month by Clergy & Lay Ministers

LATELY DECEASED

Margaret Murphy – Darkley, Celia McQuade, Austin McKenna, Andrew Smith, Theresa McKee, Josie Conlon, Frank McParland, Sean Boylan, Eamon Smyth, Baby Niamh Armitage, Mary Nugent, May McGlade

MONTHS MEMORY

May McGlade – Sunday 21st May at 11.30am Keady

Sean Boylan – Monday 22nd May at 7pm Keady

Eamon Smyth – Thursday 1st June at 7pm Madden

MEMORIAL MASS

Peggy Connor - Monday 29th May at 7pm Keady

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Madden, 15th June Thursday @ 7pm

Keady, 18th June Sunday @ 6pm

Derrynoose, 22nd June Thursday @ 7pm

BAPTISM SCHEDULE: PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES

St Mochua's Derrynoose: Saturday 15th July at 3pm.

St Joseph's Madden: Saturday 17th June at 3pm

St Patrick's Keady: every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12.30pm.

BAPTISM COURSE- The next course is on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Upper Room above the sacristy at St. Patrick's Church Keady. Parents of children who are due to be baptised are asked to attend. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, ARMAGH

Thursday 25 May An invitation to all Mothers and Grandmothers in the Archdiocese of Armagh - 7pm Evening Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral (not live streamed) Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2023 - Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin 20 July 2023 for 7 nights - £799 per person. » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon (20kg bags included) » Return airport transfers in Fatima » 7 nights Hotel Avenida » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day » Full religious programme » Guided tours of the Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary » Visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos » Optional: travel insurance & single supplement. For information, please contact: Joe McLaughlin 07711808207 All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours 0808 1890468 or 01-2410800 (ROI)

ANNUAL DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock. - Saturday 3rd June. Leaving Keady at 8.30am Stopping at Killyhevlin Hotel for morning Tea/Coffee and returning to Killyhevlin for Soup & Sandwiches. Total Price £25 Led by The Parish Legion of Mary committee. Please email info@keadyparish.net for booking. Or Tel 02837531242 and leave a message with your name & contact telephone number on the answering service.

KEADY CCE -New slow adult session from Wednesday (24th May) at 8:30pm in Cassies Bar Keady. Ideal for adults who played an instrument when they were younger and would like to take it up again or those who would like to learn music for the first time. You will need your own instrument. The sessions are free to attend and open to all adults. Our normal weekly senior session will follow from 9:30pm.

ANAM CARA ARMAGH - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 31st May at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

FIRST CLASS RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, TO VISIT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, ARMAGH, IN THIS 150TH YEAR SINCE ITS DEDICATION

A first-class relic of Blessed Carlo will visit the Cathedral from Sunday 11 – Tuesday 13 June 2023. Both in London in 1991, Carlo died of leukemia in Monza in October 2006 aged 15. Although he was a normal teenager with a great gift for computing, he also had an extraordinary faith and devotion to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was beatified in Oct 2020.

Sunday 11 June

11.00am Mass

12.30pm Mass

5.30pm Mass

7.00pm Rosary

9.00pm Night Prayer

Monday 12 June

8.00am Mass

10.00am Mass

12noon Midday Prayer

3.00pm Rosary

6.00pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Mass

9.00pm Night Prayer

Tuesday 13 June

8.00am Mass

10am Mass (Relic departs immediately after Mass)

PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

*God our Father,
we thank you for giving us Carlo,
a model of life for young people,
and a message of love for all.
You made him fall in love with your son Jesus,
making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."
You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,
and you made him, through the Rosary,
a cantor of her tenderness.
Receive his prayer for us.
Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted.
Grant me too, through his intercession, the grace
that I need (mention your intention).
And make our joy full, raising Carlo among
the saints of your Church,
so that his smile shines again for us
to the glory of your name. Amen.*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

"Always to be united with Jesus, that is my life's programme". Carlo Acutis

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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 ACT (2)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
People: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
People: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. People: Lord, have mercy.
Priest: Christ, have mercy. People: Christ, have mercy
Priest: Lord, have mercy. People: Lord, have mercy.

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, O 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.

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 46

[R] God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

[1] 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]

[2] 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]

[3] 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]

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:17-23

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

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.

People: Thanks be to God.



ALLELUIA (Stand)

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

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY (Sit)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (2)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.
People: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb ...
People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.



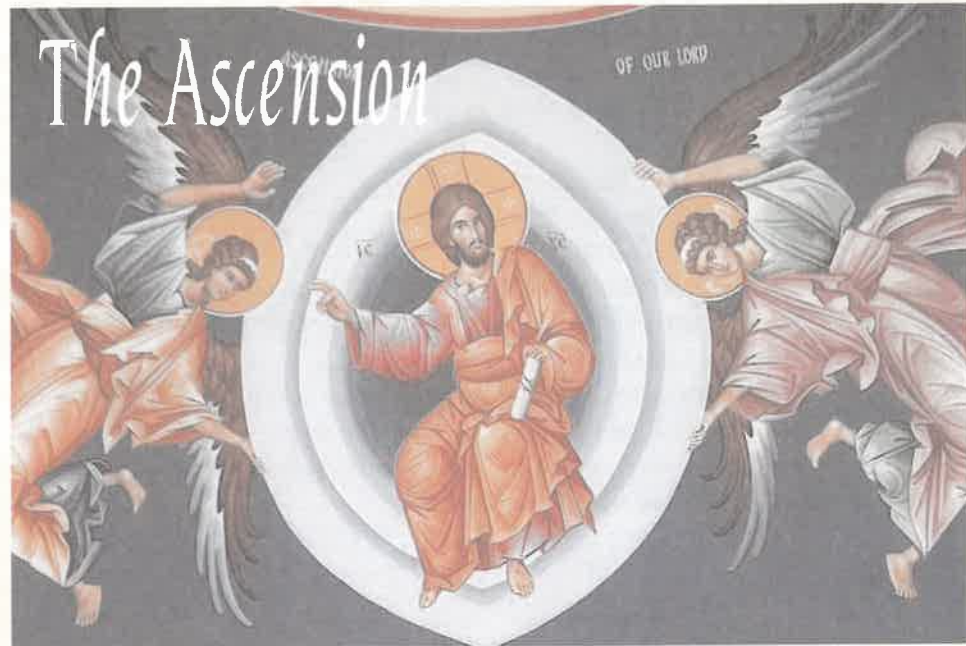
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Sat 20 May St Bernardine of Siena : Sun 21 May Ascension : Mon 22 May St Rita of Cascia : Tue 23 May Weekday : Wed 24 May Weekday : Thu 25 May Bede the Venerable/Gregory VII/ Magdalene de Pazzi : Fri 26 May St Philip Neri : Sat 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury : Sun 28 May Pentecost.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Seasons; Ascension Year A; 21 May 2023



Our faith teaches us that after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven, "... the entry of his humanity into divine glory".

In the Old Testament we read that both Enoch and Elijah had been taken up "into heaven" – but this was by way of a singular gift of God

(Gen 5:24; Sir 44:16; 2 Kgs 2:11).

When we speak of the Ascension of Jesus, however, we mean something quite different. The Ascension brought about the divine aspect of the destiny of Jesus, the one who taught and healed in Israel. By his return to "the right side of the Father", Jesus entered into his heavenly glory.

Ever since the Ascension, Jesus, in one sense, appears to be absent – he is no longer physically present in our world. But in another sense he is even more present in the world and in the Church. By being present with God in heaven, Jesus is omnipresent to the world, because he is God.

St Paul reminds us that Jesus has dominion over the whole of creation (Eph 1:20-23). He came from heaven to assume a human nature, and then returned to heaven in the mystery of the Ascension.

"Sitting at God's right hand" is the phrase used for the messiah's kingdom that has been inaugurated. This is the

Summary

The taking up 'into heaven' of Enoch and Elijah was by a singular gift of God.

Since the Ascension, Jesus is even more present in the world and in the Church.

Our true homeland is in heaven.

Question

How do we live out our faith in Christ while still here on earth?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, deepen my faith in you, and help me to life it publicly.

salvation. But even now, in the Ascension, we see the destiny that God has planned for each one of us. The scriptures remind us of this again and again, telling us that "our true homeland is in heaven".

Through Faith and Baptism

Through faith and baptism, we are here and now united with the glorified Jesus. We look beyond our present life to our final and ultimate end – to be with Christ in glory. This is the end for which God created us – "to know love and serve him here on earth and to be happy with him forever in heaven".

Acknowledge Christ

The Ascension reveals to us God's gift of eternal life. To achieve this we must make the decision (and renew it over and over again throughout our lives) to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is God and Man, the saviour of the world, and live a life according to his teachings and example. ■

