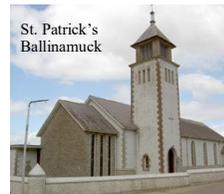


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Your time is limited so don't waste it by living someone else's life

Steve Jobs

Feast of the Ascension Year A - 24th May 2020

Mass Intentions

Sunday Annie Sheridan, Main St.
Monday Misa Pro Populo
Sunday Patrick Sexton & dfm, Kiltycreevagh



Trocaire: Every year Trocaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. The Covid 19 virus has compounded the crisis just as the world's poorest people need us most. Trocaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation next Sunday, the feast of Pentecost, in any of the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408
3. By post to Trocaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
4. To Parochial House Drumlish

The contents of each and every Trocaire box, no matter how small make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion. Thank you for your care and support.

Social Distancing—Your Choice



ACCORD, Covid-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line.

If you need to speak to an experienced couples or relationship counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, contact 01 531 3331, 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday.



♦ **Coronavirus, Church and You:** DCU's Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education (Director, Dr. Gareth Byrne) has an important online survey recently made available. The Covid-19 pandemic has obviously had a profound effect on Church. As we pass the most severe period of lockdown, it seems a good time to assess how clergy and churchgoers have responded to the experience, and what they think the future might hold. The views of priests, religious and lay people are all welcome. To have your say go to: <https://www.dcu.ie/materdei-centre-for-catholic-education/news/2020/May/Coronavirus-Church-You-Survey.shtml>

♦ **Virtual Ceremony of Light:** Bishop Francis will lead a "Virtual" Ceremony of Light in St Mel's Cathedral on the Vigil of Pentecost Sunday – Saturday 30th May 2020 at 7 p.m. We hope that candidates who are awaiting Confirmation will be able to participate online by logging on Saturday, 30th June at 7 p.m. to www.longfordparish.com

♦ **Cemetery Sunday:** considering the present circumstances it is not advisable to hold the normal Cemetery Sunday celebrations this year. Complying with social distancing requirements along with the gathering of large numbers of people would present major difficulties. All deceased will be remembered at Mass on Sunday 7th June.

♦ **Longford College of Further Education** are now accepting applicants for September 2020 enrolment. Courses include: Tourism with Business / Business Administration / Applied Social Studies / Hairdressing / Engineering / Beauty Therapy / Software Development and more. All courses are full time at QQI Level 5 or Level 6 and are designed to lead to employment or degree entry and advanced entry. To apply or get further details, log on to: www.longfordcfe.com

Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Toole, Derawley and John Kane, late Esker North who died in England on Wednesday. May they rest in peace.

Prayer to Mary in May

Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: 'Hail Mary...'

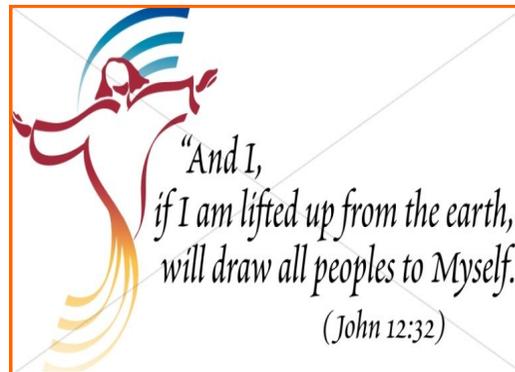
[Intercom: Gaudete et Exsultate 176]

Food for Thought—The Deep End

In the first reading today, we hear the words: 'Men of Galilee why do you stand looking up towards heaven?' If we only look skywards for Christ, we lose sight of the reality of His presence around us, in each and every person, in each created thing.

As we celebrate Ascension Sunday, we are reminded by Christ that we are carrying on his message of love to the world and that He is with us always. Christ is not one who has abandoned the world but rather one who is in this world, in all of creation. Like the disciples, committed to a cause, we are carriers of this message into the world, and this includes the message to care more deeply for the earth, our home, which we all share.

[Extract from Intercom: Jane Mellett]



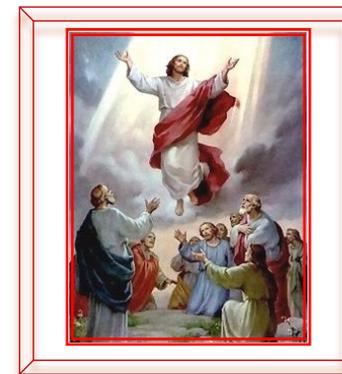
The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)
Based on Luke 24:44-53



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Offertory €1021, Lenten Alms €51, Trocaire €100, Easter Dues €453, Candle Shrine €135. Thank you.