



Parish News

Sunday 29th May

The Ascension of the Lord

In the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. It is over, his mission is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time. His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.

Jesus often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy. In the chapel of the home of St Francis Xavier in Navarre, the crucifix is of the 'smiling Jesus'. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice.

While we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from heaven. He both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine son who is one of us.

The mystery goes farther that we are invited and called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus,. Who makes his home in us.

***Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world...Christ has no
body now on earth but yours.***



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Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration - Church of the Immaculate Conception. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at 5:00pm on Sunday 29th May 2022 and will conclude on Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 9:00am followed by Mass at 9:15am. [40 Hours Schedule](#)
The main intention to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life from our Diocese

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Monday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May 2022. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Altnagelvin Hospital Choir will return to St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, to perform their Spring Concert, entitled 'A Sacred Place', on Sunday afternoon 29th May 2022 at 4pm. It will feature Schubert's Mass in G and sacred motets, including 'Locus iste' and 'Tantum ergo' by Bruckner. For more information click on the link [Spring Concert](#)

Scripture Summer School Thursday 16th – Saturday 18th June

Walking the Synodal Pathway together

Facilitated by Mr. Sean Goan and Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

We are delighted to bring you this year's Scripture Summer School in association with Tarsus Scripture School.

In order to facilitate people from all over the country and further afield, we are delighted to offer participants the option of taking part online or in-person.

Beginning: Thursday, 16 June at 9:30am - Finishing: Saturday, 18 June at 1:00pm.

Location (if attending in-person): St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine.

Booking fee €40 Bookings must be completed online at

www.knockshrine.ie/scripture_summer_school



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BUS TO THE SHRINE OF VENERABLE MATT TALBOT, Sunday 12th June: A bus will leave St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Sunday 12 June at 8:30am, travelling via Strabane / Omagh, to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin, for a Day of Prayer for those suffering from addiction. The bus is expected to be back at St Eugene's about 9:30pm. The cost is £40, including bus and a meal on the way home. If you would like to book a seat on the bus, email Anne Marie on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or tel 028 71 264087. (Alternatively, you can pick up a booking form from the St Eugene's Parochial House). To secure place on the bus your booking form and payment need to be in by Friday 3 June (details regarding payment are on the booking form).

LOUGH DERG THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE runs from Wednesday 1 June until 15 August (Saturday 13 Aug is the final day to begin the Pilgrimage). Cost €80. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. All booking information, including information on organised parish groups, available at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

Diploma / Higher Diploma in Pastoral Theology: for those who may be interested in a better understanding of the liturgical life of the Church or those interested in training to be involved with Liturgy at a parish and diocesan level. [Read More..](#)

Host families wanted for 13 to 17yr old Spanish students for the month of July. Host families must have children in this age group. Generous rates paid. For further information please call 08740 88282.



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

- 09.15am Immaculate Conception
- 10:00am St Columb's,
- 11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
- 11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
- 07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

- 10:00am St Columb's
- 11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

- 06:00pm Immaculate Conception
- 06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
- 07:00pm St Columb's
- 08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

- 09:15am St Mary's Oratory
- 10:15am Immaculate Conception
- 10:00am St Columb's
- 11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
- 12:15pm Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

- 12:30pm St Columb's
- 06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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REST IN PEACE

Deaths:

Carmel McClelland, Rosstowney Road

Anniversaries:

Kathleen Doherty, Jimmy Brown, Gary Walker, Pam Leitch, Maureen Armstrong, Patrick and Mary Magee, Alfie Shotter, Ita Gill, Laurence McGilloway, Lynne McCallion, Mary Irwin, Jim Healey

A 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.



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