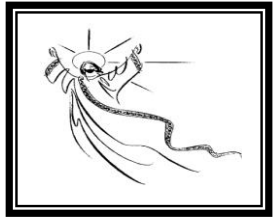


DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dunmore – Garrafrauns - Kiltевна
Sunday 24th May – The Ascension of the Lord



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Masses/Enquiries
Deadline for Newsletter is **Friday 10am**

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK

Florence Cleary (MM) Ballintava
Kevin Kennedy & DMF, Graigueachullaie
Suzanne Roynane, Shanballymore
Michael and Katie Gleeson & DMF Sylau Na Gra
Kevin & Molly Clarke, Castle Street & DM Moran Family, Barrack St
Maggie & Mamie Hopkins & parents Michael & Bridget, Menu Park
Margaret Canny, Carranthomas
Tom and Ellen Keely, Carrowkeel & DM Keely & Noone Families
Bernard & Margaret Rattigan & DMF, Sylau West
Margaret & John Gilmore & DMF, Killooney

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK BEGINNING 31st MAY

Michael Higgins & DMF, Kilmurray
Margaret Francis Walsh, Grange and Wexford, her father Michael
And her sister Ann Flunn

BROADCAST FROM DUNMORE

PARISH - 108 FM WEBCAM

www.dunmoreparish.com

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Weekday Masses 10 am

Sat. 23rd May (Garrafrauns) 7:30 pm

Sunday 24th May - Mass 10am

We Pray for Peter Frank Burke, brother in law of Bridie Connell, Ballintava +May he rest in peace+

Parish Collection Week 16th/17th May €582 – Thank you for your generosity

Thank You - to all those who dropped in envelopes for the weekly offertory collection to the Presbytery during the past week. People can also contribute to the parish at no additional through the Tax Rebate scheme. It is also possible to contribute to the parish by standing order - forms available in each of the Churches.

BROADCAST MASSES - It is encouraging to hear that many people begin their day with broadcast Mass on the Parish Radio 108 FM or through the Internet. Broadcast Masses can now be listened to on Facebook as well as the parish Website.

FIRST COMMUNION – We remember the children of Garrafrauns N.S. who were to make their First Communion this weekend in St Patrick's Church. Special prayers will be offered for the children at our vigil Mass this Saturday evening.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

LAUDATO SI

This Sunday 24th May we celebrate the fifth Anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si* (Praise be) – On Care of our common home. The letter begins:

"LAUDATO SI, mi' Signore" – *"Praise be to you, my Lord"*. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (*Rom 8:22*). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. *Gen 2:7*); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.

Pope Francis compels us to work together at this critical juncture in the history of our planet:

"Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home."

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

"Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations."

"Besides, we know that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and whenever food is thrown out, it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor."

St. Vincent de Paul

We are living in very strange times. Covid 19 has changed our lives in so many ways. At this time we are all encouraged to reach out to our neighbors, to help and to give to others who are in need. But we must also remember that we all need help sometimes. That is what the St. Vincent de Paul is there for, to help and support people through tough times, times like this when we stand on such unsteady ground. We are here for you...often we can find it so hard to ask for help or admit that we simply can't cope, but now is not a time for that now is the time to ask. Ask for that help that you are so good at giving, ask for that support that you have offered to others. Think of the St. Vincent de Paul as your friend, your neighbour, your someone that you can rely on for friendship and support.

We know it can be hard to ask for help, but please know from the minute you make that phone call or send that email you will breathe a sign of relief because we will listen, we will help and we will be there for you.

Please contact SVP on (091) 563 233 or email info.west@svp.ie or visit our website at www.svp.ie

COVID-19 OUTREACH – As we now begin our tenth week of restrictions let us continue to pray and look out for one another especially those who are living on their own and finding this time of isolation difficult. If anyone needs help please free to contact me at 093-38124. Many volunteers have offered to help. **Fr. Fergal**