

The Ascension of the Lord

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St Paul's Missal Readings p251
Roman Missal Readings p785
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
He was lifted up while they looked on.
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28;10:19-23
Christ entered into Heaven itself.
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53
As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 7th May (Vigil 6.00pm) (Months Mind) Joe Corr, Swindon
Sun 8th May 10.00am (Lisbellaw): Michael & Susan and Charles McGrath,
Market Street

Next Sunday: (Months Mind: Bill Savage, Birch Grove, Lisbellaw)

Mon 9th May 10.00am	7th Week of Easter Private Intention
Tue 10th May 10.00am	7th Week of Easter Private Intention
Wed 11th May 10.00am	7th Week of Easter Private Intention
Thu 12th May 10.00am	7th Week of Easter Private Intention
Fri 13th May (First Friday) 10.00am	7th Week of Easter Bridie & Jackie Kelly, Floraville
7.30pm (First Anniversary)	Maeve Sheridan and Baby Caitlin Sheridan Laurelvale Court
Sat 14th May 10.00am	St Matthias, Apostle Johnny Gillen and Catherine Boucher Willoughby Place; Tommy Magee, Derrygore Terrace and Rosaleen and Billy Drumm, Hillview Park and the Gallagher family, Arney

No Masses in the Convent during this week.

Wishing all the children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend every blessing.

Reflection: Today marks the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and begins our second week in May. We can have no better companion along the way than Mary, who entered so deeply into the changing emotions of these days. Like the apostles, she too would have been bewildered and sad at Jesus's leave taking, but also, like them, "filled with great joy" at the promise of a new coming with power from on high. As the apostles left the Ascension Mount they instinctively made their way to Jerusalem and to the upper room, there to meet with Mary, talk with her, pray with her. The poet Gerard M Hopkins gives us hints of what she may have shared with them.

"I say that we are wound
With mercy round and round
As if with air".
Out of this conviction flows Hopkins's awareness of Mary's help in our joys and sorrows, our unsureness and our dreaming. He compares her to the air we breathe and so we can pray in his words,
"Be thou then, O thou dear
Mother, my atmosphere....
Fold home, fast fold thy child"

Deaths: *We pray for the recently deceased:* Kitty Millns, Barbour Court; Thomas Vincent Burns, Cooper Crescent; Teresa Murphy, Aisling Crescent; Sr Raphael Maguire, Convent of Mercy; Joan Gannon, Lisnaskea and Dublin; Pauric McGovern, Derrylin. *May they rest in Peace.*

Monthly Offering: The priests thank parishioners for the monthly collection on Sunday 01.05.16.

Sunday 8th May – White envelope weekly offering to the Parish

Sisters Cecilia Sweeney and Leonie O'Callaghan, Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa, who have worked in Africa for many years, will speak at all the Masses on weekend 14/15 May. They will give first-hand information on the spreading of the Good News in the African countries in which the Sisters work and will be most grateful for your financial support.

St Michael's Bookshop: As First Communion is close, St Michael's Bookshop has a beautiful array of cards, gift sets, rosaries and symbolic brooches – all priced very reasonably. Please call and view.

The Holy Rosary will be recited Monday to Friday in St. Michael's at 6.00pm.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society – The monthly meeting will take place on **Monday 9th May** at 7.30pm in Ros Erne House. Everyone welcome.

First Holy Communion 2016

Saturday 7th May at 12.00 noon in St Michael's Church
- Integrated PS, Model PS and Jones Memorial

Saturday 21st May at 12.00 noon in St Michael's Church – Holy Trinity PS
Saturday 28th May at 12.00 noon in St Michael's Church – Holy Trinity PS

Sunday 21st May at 10.00am in St Mary's Church, Lisbellaw – Tattygar PS

St Michael's Parish Draw – Month 7

Will take place on **Monday 9th May**. Promoters please make returns between 7-8pm to upper room St Michael's Bookshop.

St Michael's Parish Bereavement Group The Drop-in facility for bereaved people continues on **Monday 9th May** in the side sacristy in the Church from 2-4pm. All are welcome.

Clogher don Óige launch 'Assume' Summer Camp for 12-14 year olds.

Assume Summer Camp will take place this August giving young people the opportunity to come together, make friends, have fun and grow in faith. For more details and how to apply please visit www.clogherdonoige.com or email helena@clogherdonoige.com.

Faith and Friendship: Interdenominational Bible Study fellowship and prayer group next meeting in the Riverview Room, the Bridge Centre, from 12.30 – 2pm on **Wednesday 11th May**. All welcome to share in Rev Ruth Patterson's reflections. For more information please contact John Phillips on 07707666290.

Tattygar Parents Association are holding a Summer Fete on **Friday 13th May** at **5.30pm** in Tattygar Primary School. All Welcome.

Youth Hour for Exams Clogher don Óige will host their new parish Youth Ministry Initiative 'Youth Hour' in St Michael's Church Enniskillen on **Friday 13th May 4-5pm** - a holy hour of guided prayer, music and reflection for students completing exams. This is an opportunity for young people to gather, take time out and pray together. All parishioners are most welcome, but we extend a special invitation to all the young people in the parish and those from other parishes who attend our schools. Please spread the word.

Annual Pentecost Ecumenical Service on Pentecost Sunday **May 15th at 3.00pm**. The Clogher Diocesan annual ecumenical service will take place, this year at St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Bishop Liam MacDaid and the Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, Bishop John McDowell, will lead this special annual service, together with local clergy. During the service two young people will give their reflections on Pentecost, and the singing will be led by church choirs from the local area. A warm invitation is extended to all to join in this occasion, and refreshments will be made available afterwards.

Arthritis Care Fundraising Dance in Cavanacarragh Hall on **Monday 16th May**.

St. Macartan's Cathedral to host a very special Gospel Music Concert with Michael English and Monaghan Gospel Choir on **Wednesday 18th May at 8pm**. Tickets €20 each are available now from St. Joseph's Parish Office and Veritas in Monaghan Town.

Alcoholics Anonymous To celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of the Enniskillen Monday night AA Group a public meeting will be held in the Aisling Centre on **Monday 30th May at 8pm**. Guest speakers from AA, Alnon and an addiction Counsellor. Everyone welcome and Refreshments will be served.

"The Joy of Love" the most recent document issued by Pope Francis is available at St. Michael's Bookshop. Price £3.95. It was born of his desire to underline the blessing of love and to welcome to the Church those who felt alienated because of failure to follow some church rules. Many have found this document encouraging.

CARE OF CREATION CORNER

Slow Down -Whether it's fast food, rapid transportation, or immediate comfort, many of the things that have made our lives easier have also turned out to be the biggest threats to the natural world. And diminishing the threat is going to mean changing our habits, environmentalists say. "It takes time to cook from scratch and not opt for the processed food. It takes planning and time to ride your bike to the farmers' market. A lot of these things are time-consuming and require a bit more intentionality."

St Michael's Parish Enniskillen & Lisbellaw Building Faith, Friendship, Community...

Parish Messenger – 8th May 2016

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The mission of the Church:

To give witness to the pardon which Jesus offers to all
Luke 24.46-53

Family Blessing Ceremony

Saturday 14th May at 11am in St Michael's Church.

All welcome – from grandparents to newborns!! A special invitation to those families who have had a Baptism in the past year.

Youth Hour for Exams on Friday 13th May 4-5pm

Weekend Mass Times: St Michael's: Vigil - Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday– 8.00am; 9.30am; 11.00am; 12.30pm
St Mary's Lisbellaw: Sunday 10.00am
Confessions: Saturday : 11.30am-1.30pm; 5.00pm-5.45pm

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