

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Ascension Sunday 21 05 2023



God goes up with shouts of joy
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast

**WEEKDAY MASS: No mass on Monday & Tuesday, Wednesday
Thursday Mass 10am Friday 7.30pm**

FIRST COMMUNION: Congratulations to the five children who received the eucharist for the first time yesterday.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's collections

LOURDES HOSPITALITE FUND A door collection to help defray the cost of sending the sick on this year's Down & Connor pilgrimage will be taken up next Weekend

CEMETERY SUNDAY: 4th June at 4.00pm. Missalettes and Holy Water bottles will be provided. A retiring collection for the upkeep of both cemeteries will be taken up following the service.

DECEASED: P Fyfe, Glenravel

ANNIVERSARIES: Roisin Quinn, Marese Finnegan, Ann McToal, Ciaran Fyfe, Willie Robbin

PRAYER BEFORE EXAMINATIONS:

Lord, I pray that as I enter the exam, that You will fill my heart with perfect peace that only comes from You. Please also give me clarity of thought, and prompt my mind to remember all the things that I have studied. Give me the wisdom and the ability to transfer my thoughts to paper. I ask you this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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Going Out or Going Up?

The feast of the Ascension seems to be more about the apostles going out than Jesus going up! As Jesus goes to his Father, the message is for us now, and to be witnesses to him, sharing what we have received, and heard.

Witnesses to a road accident can often contradict each other. They get mixed up in what they saw or heard. Or they may have only glanced at the event and moved on. We can be witnesses of Jesus who stayed with the event, not just with a glance. We have seen and heard the best story ever told, and the most influential life ever lived.

We witness to Jesus in prayer, in reading the gospel and in service of others in love. Prayer means being in touch with God who is reaching out to us. The gospel is what feeds us, a daily opening to the words and deeds of Jesus. Loving service brings us to witness the care of God as we give and receive care.

This is what we give to the ascended Lord and receive from him. The word of God is the divine word in human words. In our work for him, God is linking heaven and earth, and we are sharers in his divinity as he is in our humanity. Far from being the absence of Jesus, the Ascension is his presence in a new way among us.

Looking up is a religious gesture.
Look up to the skies sometimes this week and make a favourite prayer.
Lord, may your kingdom come!
