

## The Ascension of the Lord Newsletter 21st May 2023

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Mass times: Monday - Friday 10.00am, Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am  
Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm



Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*  
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, Irish Mass at 11.00am



### Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Norah Caul  
Sun 11.30am Billy Harrington  
Sinead Kane  
Stewart Barron  
Mary Prendergast  
Ann McCabe



### Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Norah Caul	Sat 6.30pm Tommy McKittrick & dec
Tues 10.00am John Jennings	family members
Wed 10.00am Dr Liam Daly	Harry Sheridan
Thurs 10.00am	
Fri 10.00am Patrick Markey	Sun 11.30am

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Sr. Mary 8404323 from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th May. Please phone Sr. Mary from 6-9.30pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

### Blessing of the Graves

The Blessing of the graves will take place in St Colmcille's Parish (Chapel Lane) on 24th June after the 11.30am Sunday Mass. The Blessing Prayer will be recited in the Church.

Parishioners are asked to bring their own holy water bottles  
After the Blessing Prayer from the Altar parishioners are asked to Bless their own family grave.

### Building Hope Novena to the Holy Spirit

You are invited to join with every parish in the Diocese in a **Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.** This Novena runs from 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May, beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church the Novena prayer will be read at all masses during this time. In addition to this, the novena will also take place (without mass) at 7.30pm as follows:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May St. Colmcilles** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-columcilles-swords>

**Tuesday 23 and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May River Valley** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-finians-river-valley-parish>

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Donabate** <http://www.donabateparish.ie/webcam>

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Brackenstown** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-cronans-church-brackenstown-swords>

*Novena cards are available at the back of the Church*



### The Ascension of the Lord - (World Communications Day)

The Ascension, which is one of the chief feasts of the Church's year, marks the close of the appearances of Jesus which took place after his resurrection and celebrates his exaltation to the Father. It is an essential element of the resurrection of the Lord. It is portrayed as having taken place variously, even by the same author, on the evening of Easter Sunday and forty days later. It underlines the teaching that it is from Heaven that the exalted Christ exercises his power over heaven and earth. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)



### All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Dublin. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. Ring Loirín: 087 241 2611

### Tanzania Appeal

This Tanzania Appeal is a call for help and for financial support for the people living in the Tanga Region of Tanzania. Fr Micheál Ó Sé spent 12 years as a missionary priest in the region and has been involved in promoting the development of a variety of charitable and community projects. Fr Micheál recently visited the region and observed the dire poverty of the people and their need for basic services. The people of Fingal are invited to a meeting in Brackenstown Parish Centre, Swords on Mon 22nd May @ 8pm. Fr Micheál will make a presentation to the meeting. All are very welcome. Your help.....will help