



**Congratulations to all the Boys & Girls who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday, 17th May 2025, a wonderful joyous occasion.**

**Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.**



**Ceremony of Light**  
**Thursday 22nd May**  
**at 7.30pm**  
**Confirmation Ceremony**  
**for the Boys & Girls**  
**on Thursday 29th**  
**at 12.00noon.**

**Celebrant: Bishop Paul Dempsey**



### Devotional Candles

**In Thanksgiving to Our Lady**  
 are available in the Church and the Parish Office. Offering €1.

*Every Thursday after Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. Rosary beads are free for anyone who would like to take them home to pray.*

## WHAT'S ON

### Monday 19th May

**Choir practise** at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery

### Thursday 22nd May

**Ceremony of Light at 7.30pm**

### Friday 23rd May

**Eucharistic Prayer Group** meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm. All are welcome.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm. in the Oratory.**



We remember  
**Marcella Graham**  
 Funeral Mass on Tuesday morning at 10.00am  
**Francis Carpenter**  
 who died recently  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### Church Collections

w/e 10th/11th May 2025

1st Priests: €680

2nd Collection: €510

Envelopes: €1082

### **Eucharistic Prayer Group**

Every Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 we have a small group of people praying in the Oratory for lapsed family members & parishioners to return to the faith.

We start with a hymn, then say the Rosary which is followed with the Chaplet.

There's a quiet time from 3:00 to 3:15 while some spiritual hymns are played in the background.

We then pray for the return of loved ones who have strayed.

We end our hour with a hymn.

We encourage anyone who has an hour to spare to join us or perhaps send in a request for your intentions.

### **LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 17th/18th May**

Building Hope Through Lay Ministry. This collection will replace the normal Share Collection.



**At this time we remember all those who are preparing to sit exams and we invite you to include the names of your loved ones who are sitting exams in the folder at Our Lady's Altar.**

**Thought for the day** Driving along, I felt safe, strapped into my seat belt. It reassured me. Yet we have a safety belt for every moment of the day. Every day we walk out our door we can cover ourselves in the Holy Name of Jesus for our protection. Christ above and around me, my shield, my protection.

### **PARISH LOTTO**

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

**Lotto Nos 6, 14, 25, 27**

**Jackpot €22,300**

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before the 10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### First Reading Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 144(145):8-13a

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**Or Alleluia!**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**Or Alleluia!**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**Or Alleluia!**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age.

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**Or Alleluia!**

### Second Reading Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation Jn13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another just as I have loved you,  
says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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