

## CONGRATULATIONS

To all the Boys & Girls who received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation

on Wednesday & Thursday 28th & 29th May 2025.

We pray God's blessing on them and their families & friends.



## WHAT'S ON

**Tuesday 3rd June**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**meeting** in the Pastoral  
Space at 7.30pm

**Thursday 5th June**

After Mass the Holy Rosary  
in the Oratory is specifically  
for vocations to the  
priesthood.

**First Friday—6th June**

All those on the Altar List  
of the Dead will be  
remembered at the 10.00am  
Mass.

**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.**



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.



### Novena to the Holy Spirit 1st-9th June 2025

You are warmly invited to join together in this annual  
Novena to the Holy Spirit—a period of Prayer,  
Reflection and Planning for the renewal of the Church  
in the Archdiocese of Dublin. From the Solemnity of  
the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost to the  
Feast of St. Columba (St. Colmcille). *A copy of short  
reflections & prayers for each day will be available in the church  
during the week.* A Building Hope Initiative.



During the month of June Devotional  
candles for **Healing and Renewal**  
are available in the Church at all Masses  
and from the Parish Office *Offering €1*

**PRAYER AND FASTING FOR THE HOLY LAND** The Irish Bishops,  
meeting in Maynooth on Monday, offered prayers for peace in the Holy  
Land, for Ukraine, Sudan and in other troubled parts of the world.  
In particular, bishops discussed the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza,  
stating: "From all over Ireland, parishioners are reporting their horror and  
helplessness on seeing images of death and communal destruction in Gaza.  
Exhausted mothers can no longer nourish their young, children are dying of  
malnutrition, while aid lorries full of supplies are being refused entry into  
the territory, or are not safely arriving at their destination.

"We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of  
June – the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – we call on everyone to pray  
for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world.  
"To see the relentless bombardment of civilian areas, the deliberate"  
withholding of food from the starving, as well as the callous holding of  
hostages, it appears that humanity has lost its heart. In the face of these  
horrors, we invite everyone to turn to the heart of Jesus throughout the  
month of June by praying for the renewal of heart that our world so  
desperately needs. **We call on all Catholics to make the first Friday,  
June 6th, a day of prayer and fasting in solidarity with our sisters  
and brothers who are suffering at this time in the Holy Land."**

"We echo Pope Leo XIV's recent appeal to allow into Gaza 'the entry of  
dignified humanitarian aid and to put an end to the hostilities, whose  
heartbreaking price is paid by the children, elderly, and the sick.'" *Statement on behalf of the members of the Standing Committee of the Irish Catholic  
Bishops' Conference.*

**Thought** Before ascending Jesus says *I am going to My Father and your  
Father. I am going to send you what My Father has promised...* (The Holy  
Spirit.) He also promises *I am with you always, even to the end of  
time.* These are the gifts Jesus left us; Family relationship with the Father,  
Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He came into the world as a gift, and ascending,  
left us with the entire Trinity as our family.



We remember  
**Anthony Bowe**  
who died recently  
**MAY HE REST  
IN PEACE**

### Church Collections

w/e 24th/25th May 2025

1st Priests: €595

2nd Collection: €495

Envelopes: €556

### PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last  
week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

**Lotto Nos 8, 12, 26, 30**

**Jackpot €22,500**

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

Bank Holiday arrangements,

the Draw will take place on

Wednesday before the 10a.m. Mass.

Entries for the Lotto draw must be

put into the safe in the church by

11.00a.m. on Tuesday morning.

All are welcome to attend the draw.



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Opening Hymn

Let the earth rejoice and sing, alleluia!

At the triumph of our King, alleluia!

**He ascends from mortal sight, alleluia!**

Reigns now at our Father's right, alleluia!

He who died upon a tree, alleluia!

Now shall reign eternally, alleluia!

He who saved our fallen race, alleluia!

Takes in heav'n his rightful place, alleluia!

Jesus, Victor, hear our prayer, alleluia!

In thy triumph let us share, alleluia!

Lift our minds and hearts above, alleluia!

Strengthen all men in thy love, alleluia!

### First Reading Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### Responsorial Psalm 46 (47): 2-3,6-9

**Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast or Alleluia!**

All peoples, clap your hands,

cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,

great king over all the earth. **Response**

God goes up with shouts of joy;

the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,

sing praise to our king, sing praise. **Response**

God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne. **Response**

### Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

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

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 28: 19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations.

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

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