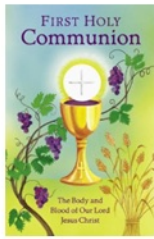


Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026



Congratulations to the Girls and Boys who received

First Holy Communion this Saturday 16th May 2026



Confirmation Ceremony for the Boys & Girls on Thursday 28th May at 12.00noon.



Devotional Candles In Thanksgiving to Our Lady are available in the Church and the Parish Office during the month of May. Offering €1.

WHAT'S ON

Monday 18th May

Choir practise at 7.45pm

Thursday 21st May

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

Ceremony of Light

at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st May.

Friday 22nd May

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday

10.30am to 5.00pm.

in the Oratory.



Hospitality Weekend

Come and join us at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church 13th at 6.30pm Mass & 14th June 9am and 12 Midday Masses

Begin at 6.30 Mass Saturday 13th June

Children's Choir Sing.

People recite Our Father in their own Language.

Prayers of the Faithful translated into different languages.

Refreshments from different cultures bought in shops not made at home.

Dress in the costume of your homeland or the colours of your flag

Sunday 14th June 9.00 Mass

People recite Our Father in their own language

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12 midday Mass

People recite Our Father in their own language

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Music and dance from different cultures

Tour of the Church explaining different aspects of the Church.

Long seasoned parishioners get an opportunity to tell us what it was like for them in their youth



We remember

Patricia Mangan

who died recently, and whose Funeral Mass takes place on Monday morning at 10.00am

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Church Collections

w/e 9th/10th May 2026

1st Priests: €707

2nd Collection: €519

Envelopes: €711

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

8, 13, 22, 23

The Jackpot is €3,900

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

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before 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. **The last Parish Lotto Draw will take place on Tuesday 26th May 2026.**

Thought Rev 5:8 describes the Elders (saints in heaven) holding golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Out of the fifty-nine times "saints" is used in the New Testament, 58 refer to *Christians on earth*. In the book of Tobit the Archangel Raphael says "I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels who present the *prayers of the saints*." He tells Tobit, "When you and your daughter-in-law Sarah prayed, I brought a reminder of your prayer before the Holy One." As citizens of His kingdom, today your prayer stands before God.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Entrance 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.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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: Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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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 Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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