

Parish of Middle Killeavy

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21ST MAY '23

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LATELY DECEASED:

Evelyn Mathers, Glenvale Cres.; Anthony McCrave, Drumalane Pk; Rena Kenny, Dublin;

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th 6.15pm Thomas & Elizabeth McAlinden;
John & Paddy Jordan; Caitlin White
Sunday 21st 10.30am Priest's Intentions
Sunday 21st 12noon Padraig O'Donnell; Tommy Courtney,
Hugh & Agnes Courtney
Monday 22nd 10.30am Rena Kenny, Special Intention
Tuesday 23rd 10.30am Mary Strain
Wednesday 24th 10.30am Parish Mass Intentions
Thursday 25th 10.30am Special Intention
Friday 26th 10.30am Gerald, Mary & Noel Campbell
Saturday 27th 10.30am Patsy Rooney (MM)
P J Evans & Margaret Gillen
Saturday 27th 6.15pm Jim Smyth (1st Anniv.)
Sunday 28th 10.30am Patrick Farrell
Sunday 28th 12noon Priest's Intentions

REPAIRS TO OUR CHURCH

Sincere thanks are due to our Parish Finance Committee, and to those involved in particular ways, for bringing out the works currently being undertaken, to tidy-up the exterior of our parish church.

As stated last week, it had been our intention to undertake a major scheme of works to address all the issues affecting the church complex, but due to ongoing delays, and the fact that most of the repairs being external are weather dependant, it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to undertake them in this calendar year.

We deeply regret that this will only be a superficial remedy but we remain committed to do all we can to insure that all necessary works will be undertaken as early as is practical.

HONOURING OUR LADY IN THE EASTER SEASON: The last of our Saturday Masses in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday next (27th), under the title of: Mother and Teacher in the Spirit

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

	6.15 pm	10.30am	12noon
20-21 May	Margaret Heaney	Ann Rocks	James Lannon
27-28 May	Eilish Smith	Sheila Murphy	Bronagh Strain

PARISH COLLECTION: last weekend raised: Weekly Collection - £571 & €13; Priests' Dues £1188 & €5; Vocations £70. During the month of April we also received £1,107 in electronic donations. Thank you for your ongoing support.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Group E will be responsible in the month of May. Those on the rota are asked to call to the Parish Office to collect a rota and list of groups.

BETHANY - PENTECOST PROGRAMME: Bethany House of Prayer invite you to join with them on Mondays 22nd, 29th May and 12th June, at 34 Point Road, Dundalk. Tel 042-9331602

RIGHT TO LIFE:

Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the guarantee in the Irish Constitution of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement in the light of a recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, "a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality". Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. We, as a Church, must continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition, and to testify, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. Copies of the statement are available in the church or via www.catholicbishops.ie.

PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: inc. Pietrelcina, Shrine of St Michael the Archangel, St Matthew's Monastery, Sanctuary of Our Lady of Incononata. 6 day pilgrimage departing Dublin on 3rd October. Cost £770 per person. For further details contact Anita on 07769744836

RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: will visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh from Sunday 11th to Tuesday 13th June. Blessed Carlo died in 2006, at only 15 years of age, after a battle with leukaemia, and was beatified by Pope Francis in Assisi in October 2020. His friends remember him as a young dreamer, service-oriented and full of charisma, and for his dedication to the Blessed Sacrament. His life may have been short, but it made a huge impact. Full details of times etc. of the visit of these first-class relics will be included in the coming weeks.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

While in heaven he is also with us; and we, while still on earth, are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

St. Augustine speaking on the Ascension

PARISH TEAM: Fr Liam (30262376); Fr Damien (07557236599); Srs. Marie & Margaret (30268512)

PARISH OFFICE: Monday – Friday, 10am – 12noon.