

Sunday, 12th May 2024. The Ascension of The Lord

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Proclaiming the Good News to All Creation

In the final verses of Mark's Gospel this Sunday, we witness a profound moment as Jesus appears to His disciples and commissions them with a powerful directive: "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." This charge was not only for the Eleven disciples but for all who would come to believe in Christ throughout the ages, including each one of us.

As we meditate on this passage, we are reminded of our sacred responsibility to share the message of salvation with everyone we encounter. This calling extends beyond the confines of our immediate community, reaching out to all creation. It is a call to action, urging us to step out in faith and boldly proclaim the transformative power of the Gospel.

Furthermore, Jesus promises that signs will accompany those who believe. These signs, including the casting out of demons, speaking in tongues, protection from harm, and the healing of the sick, serve as tangible demonstrations of God's presence and power at work within His people. They

reassure us that as we faithfully carry out His mission, we do so with the backing of divine authority. Just as Jesus ascended into heaven, taking His place at the right hand of God, so too do we continue His work here on earth. As we go forth to preach everywhere, the Lord works alongside us, confirming His word through the signs that accompany it. We are not alone in this mission; we have the assurance of His presence and the promise of His power.

May we, as a parish community, embrace our call to share the Good News with joy and enthusiasm, knowing that we do so in partnership with the risen Christ. Let us heed His commission with faith and courage, trusting in His guidance every step of the way.

Congratulations!!

We gather this weekend to celebrate with those who are receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, we say; Welcome to the Lord's table! We pray that you will always know the friendship and real presence of Jesus in your lives. We wish you a wonderful celebration with your families and friends. **Every blessing!**





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Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm Monday to Friday: 7.30am and 10am Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

Annual Day of Prayer & Reflection for Deacons

Takes place on Saturday, 22nd June, at Knock Shrine. The day is open to anybody who would like to attend, in addition to deacons, aspirants and their families. Fr. Declan Hurley will speak on "A Synodal Approach to Diaconal Ministry". To confirm your attendance please contact Deacon Tony Larkin at deacontony17@gmail.com or 0857392473

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday, 3rd June. Bus from St. Leo's 8am. Booking in the Parish Centre. Fee €30. Phone no 059 916 4086

County Carlow Environmental Network Free Film Event

County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) in partnership with The Visual Carlow are showing the film "The Seeds of Vandana Shiva" on the 29th May 2024 at 7 pm. A visually stunning film which shows how Vandana Shiva brought her scientific expertise and principles of non-violent resistance to support the struggles of poor Indian villagers. This film is free but booking is required: https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/the-seeds-of-vandana-shiva Email: info@ccen.ie if any questions.

Accord Carlow

Marriage Preparation Programme Places available on the following dates 6th & 7th September 2024, 11th &12th October 2024, 8th & 9th November 2024. Book your place today on www.accord.ie

Theology Open Day, is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 25 May.

Arthritis Ireland

Will be running the award winning Living Well with Arthritis and Related Conditions course in Carlow Town this May. The course consists of a 2½ hour workshop given once a week, for six weeks, and is for people with arthritis and/or fibromyalgia who want to learn self-management skills and techniques to live healthily with their condition.

The course starts on Friday, 24th May, 11am in New Oak Community Centre.

The place can be booked online through this link

Cathedral Collections Last Weekend Offertory € 1,427.46 Development € 1,286.74 Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome

◊ Fiadh Angela Quinn

◊ Freddie Jack Sheehan

who were baptized into The Christian Community in

Carlow Cathedral last Sunday

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock Sunday, 2nd June 2024 Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

<u>St Patrick's Pontifical University Maynooth Blending Learning</u> <u>Higher Diploma/Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy</u>

This programme is suitable for those interested in an accredited foundation programme in Pastoral Liturgy. Training to be involved with Liturgy at a diocesan and parish level.

A better understanding of the liturgical life of the Church, which is the highest expression of Theology in the Catholic tradition.

For more information on this programme, contact the admissions team by email: cmmadmissions@spcm.ie or call +353 (01) 7084778.

Healthcare Chaplaincy Symposium 2024

This is a symposium for everyone involved in Healthcare Chaplaincy or thinking about Pastoral Care which is taking place on Tuesday, 25th June, (9.15 am – 4 pm) in the Gibson Hotel, Point Square, North Dock, Dublin 1. The theme this year is - The Caring Heart: Professional and Passionate. It is free to attend, registration is required in advance,

Adoration in Carlow Cathedral

Weekly Adoration in Carlow Cathedral on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7-9pm (through rear door)

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/living-well-with-arthritis-carlowtown-tickets-825330705357 or over the phone 01 6470206.

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan For May

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. Why? This action helps to restore species-rich grasslands: a vital habitat providing food and shelter for pollinators. Where? Everywhere!

Roadside verges, lawns, schools, parks, field margins, farm lanes. Take part in #NoMowMay and leave your lawnmower in the shed for May. For more information see pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-helppollinators/

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto Next Jackpot



Sunday 12th May 2024 No Jackpot Winner

15-23-25-28

4 Match 3 Winners share €500.