

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus helps to explain the Christian vocation. It points to the ongoing plan of redemption for each of us. It gives us a glimpse of the loving plan of God for the whole of creation. This Feast also points us toward a deeper understanding of the Feast of Pentecost which we will soon celebrate. The very Breath of God, His Holy Spirit, has been breathed into the Body of Christ, the Church - and into each one of us as members of that Body.

That Spirit makes it possible for us to live differently - beginning right now. It is at work within us, transforming us more and more into His Image and Likeness, as we cooperate with the gift of grace. That Spirit empowers and equips us to participate in the ongoing redemptive mission of Jesus Christ, as it continues through His Body, the Church.

We have ascended with Jesus Christ - and are called to live on this earth the very realities of heaven. This is meant to begin in the here and now, to be completed in the fullness of time.

The redemptive plan of God in Jesus Christ will not be complete until the same Jesus who ascended returns and hands the re-created cosmos back to the Father. *(Catholic online)*

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies." (Bishop Augustine)



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9TH MAY 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide in you forever, alleluia.

In today's Gospel Jesus asks us to love others as he has loved us. How do you think we can do this? How can we show love for others who live far away on the other side of the world? How will you be a good friend this week? And how will you follow Jesus' example of love for all people no matter where they are in the world? *(CAFOD)*

Easter (B1)	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 8th/9th 6th Sunday of Easter	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Andrew Donato People of the Parish Tom Murphy
Monday 10th		
Tuesday 11th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Tom Murphy Adoration
Wednesday 12th	7pm Vigil Mass KF For Ascension	Dec'd Fernandez Family
Thursday 13th ASCENSION OF THE LORD	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH 7pm Mass OH	Ann Geraghty Adoration Fr Stephen
Friday 14th St Matthias	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration Olwen and Francis Borg
Saturday 15th		
Sunday 15th/16th 7th Sunday of Easter	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Bill Penny People of the Parish Tom Murphy

Please pray for all those whose have died, especially Mary Edwards, Ann Geraghty, those on our May deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections: BH GA £356.00, Loose £458.85, CTF £48.38, Rent £868.10, Hall hire £60.00, Donations £500.00.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, Barry Simner, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people

URGENT APPEAL BY CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

St Mary's School is looking to appoint a vice-principal. Please see poster at the back of Church for more information.

Second collection next week for Catholic Communications and the following week for the Sisters.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. You can register to join an 84-mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using just 2 miles/day of your exercise.

You can obtain sponsorship from friends or family or simply sponsor the parishioners you might know who are already walking, cycling or swimming! For those with children/grandchildren at local schools, why not encourage them to set up a team! For more information, email office at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980.

Pope's prayer intention for May:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. Amen.