

**Booking Masses:** We try our best to accommodate requests for specific dates. However, this is not always possible, and we may offer you alternative dates. Please remember that funerals take precedence over all bookings and that there is no right to demand the use of the church on any given date/time.

Obligation to attend Sunday/Holyday Masses: The Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays is once again deemed to be an obligation, unless the person is shielding or unwell.

# Gradual Easing of Covid-19 policies and procedures:

Parishioners should continue to wear a mask/face covering while in the Church and sanitise their hands as they enter and leave.

Seating on the left side of the church will remain the same with a 2m distance. Seating everywhere else mixed. Any queries contact the office or ask a member of the team in the church.

Parish Office Opening Hours: Interim office opening hours remain Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9am-5pm. Emergency Mobile: Sometimes, due to poor coverage, calls/texts are not automatically received. If your call is not returned promptly, please keep trying.

A Prayer by Telephone: The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. Tel: 00353 429 331602 9am – 9pm daily.

One of the sisters will be happy to listen and pray for you.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: 11th and 12th June 2022.

Fully guided pilgrimage with overnight stay in The Knock House Hotel. Bus departs from St Patrick's Church, Donegal Street. Total cost £140. For more information and to book a place please contact Sally on 02890 247587.

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August (final day to begin Pilgrimage is Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August). Admission €80 / booking advised / concessions available for students, seniors and groups. All booking information including organised parish groups is available at <a href="www.loughderg.org">www.loughderg.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@loughderg.org">info@loughderg.org</a> Tele: 0(0353) 71 9861518

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 29th May 2022 The Ascension of the Lord

Weekly Collection: £956.50

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Recent Expenditure
Annual Duty of Care
Renewal Charge for
Graveyard Bins: £60.00

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 10.00am
Tuesday: 7.00pm
Wednesday: 10.00am
Thursday: 7.00pm
(Novena Prayers)
Friday: 10.00am
(First Friday 7pm)
Saturday: 7.00pm
(Vieil)

Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am CONFESSIONS

Thursday before Mass

### MINISTRY OF WELCOME

**Baptisms:** Please email the office for a booking form and more details. Baptisms take place the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon and on Thursday evenings at 6pm. At least one month's notice is required, during which parents meet with a member of our Baptismal Team and the family attends the 11am Sunday Mass weekly, prior to the Baptism. If families are unable to complete the preparation or attend Mass, the Baptism will be rebooked to a time when they can. A total of 15 people permitted to attend.

Weddings: Currently the number permitted to attend weddings is to be determined following individual risk assessments. Attendees must follow all guidance and adhere to policies and procedures put in place to ensure the safety of all. All couples must contact Fr Declan six months before the date of their wedding to arrange to complete the necessary paperwork. Couples are also required to attend a pre-marriage course. A Wedding Mass is only offered to those who attend Mass in the parish *meekly* during the six-month notice of marriage period.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Gary Nelson Sr Pascal McMeel Canon Robert Fullerton

#### **ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME**

Briege Douglas(2)

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 31st May at 7pm
Anne Loughran

Anniversary Mass on Thursday 2nd June at 7pm
Frances McDonald

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 4th June at 7pm
John Magee(8)

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 5th June at 11am
Mary McVeigh(39)

Mary Greene

Seamus Tallon

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to the boys and girls from St Patrick's Primary School who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday. The children from both schools are welcome to return in their First Communion outfits on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate Corpus Christi.

May the Month of Mary: As we conclude our May Rosary, we thank all the parishioners who made this month so special by bringing fresh flowers to the grotto and participating in the Rosary.

Thank you to the P5 and P6 pupils from St Mary's Primary School for the beautiful flowers they left at the Shrine of Our Lady, when they attended Mass on Wednesday.

### Feast of the Ascension

The feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven, taking place forty days after Easter and 10 days before Pentecost. This special day is an opportunity to reflect upon the significance of Jesus' post resurrection earthly departure. A celebration of Christ's exaltation. While on earth he was a servant, now in heaven he is the ruler and Lord of all, entering heaven as the representative of mankind, and guaranteeing the salvation of all who love him.

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Email: parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk.
Parish Office open Tuesday – Thursday 10am-4pm.
All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the
Parochial house red post box, email or phone the
parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.