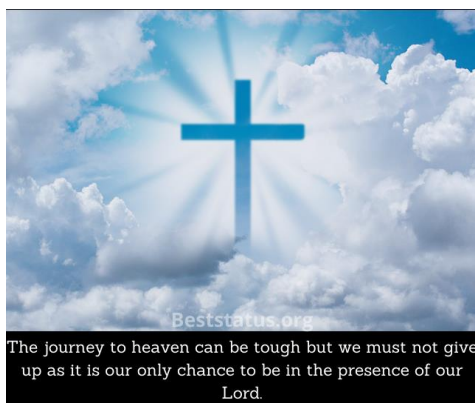


# Sunday 29 May 2022 – The Ascension of the Lord

## *St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Monaleen*

*'May Christ who transformed Mary Magdalene from sinner to saint make his presence felt in our lives'.*



### **We celebrate The Ascension of the Lord (World Communications Day)**

The ascension marks the transition from the first part of the Easter season to the second. In the first, the emphasis was on the appearance of the risen Lord and on the identity of this same Lord with the Jesus of Nazareth who was with the disciples during his public life. Today marks the close of this stage when Jesus is no longer visibly present to his church. He is now exalted, at God's right hand, and it is from there that he exercises his authority over heaven and earth.

### **Thoughts from Fr. Martin McCormack SDB on the Ascension.**

Ascension is a call to raise our eyes to God in heaven and to lower our eyes to people around us. When we come to church, we close our hands in prayer and when we go out of church we open them to people around us. Have a happy ascension day.

<b>Saturday/Sunday 28 / 29 May</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord –</b>	7:00pm – 10:00am – <b>Ciara Brolly</b> RIP (A); <b>Patsy &amp; Rose Brolly</b> RIP; <b>Michael O'Regan</b> RIP (A) 11:30am – <b>Pat &amp; Tommy Sheahan</b> RIP; <b>Bridie Mitchell</b> RIP (A) <b>Tom Gavin</b> RIP (Month's Mind)
<b>Tuesday, May 31</b> <b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9:45am – <b>Tom Gavin</b> RIP;
<b>Wednesday June 1</b> <b>St Justin</b>	9:45am – <b>Mary Breslin</b> RIP
<b>Thursday, June 2</b> <b>St Marcellinus and Peter</b>	9:45am – <b>Eileen Maher</b> RIP
<b>Friday June 3</b> <b>St Kevin, abbot</b>	9:45am – <b>Tom Gavin</b> RIP
<b>Saturday, June 4</b> <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>	7:00pm – <b>Charlie Reade</b> RIP (A)
<b>Sunday, June 5</b> <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>	10:00am - 11:30am –

## Parish Notices

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The new schedule is as follows: Tuesday, 10.00a.m. to 10.00p.m. All other days of the week 6.00pm until 9.00p.m. A book is provided at the back of the church to sign in when you come to do your hour. It is imperative that the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance is never left unattended. In the unlikely event that the persons due to follow you do not attend there are names and phone numbers at the front of the sign in book of people to contact in that situation.

**The Third Age charity's 'Failte Isteach'** service is now available in most counties across the State in order to facilitate, in an informal setting, improved English language skills for refugees. This service is free and run by local volunteers. To locate the nearest English language class in your location, please see <https://www.thirdageireland.ie/failte-isteach/locations>.

**Rosary for Peace:** On Tuesday, 31 May, at 6pm, (5pm Irish Time) Pope Francis will lead a Rosary for peace as a sign of hope for those suffering from the ongoing war in Ukraine and wars around the world. "At the conclusion of the Marian month, Pope Francis wishes to offer a sign of hope to the world, suffering from the conflict in Ukraine and deeply wounded by the violence of the many wars still active." The Pope will pray the Rosary before the statue of Mary Regina Pacis in Rome's Marian Basilica. "All the faithful in every part of the world are invited to support Pope Francis in his prayer to the Queen of Peace," the statement encouraged. A number of Shrines, including The Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, will pray the Rosary at the same time as the Holy Father, and will be connected via streaming to the live broadcast from Rome.

**Easter Dues Envelopes:** - (for the support of the clergy of the Diocese) are available at the back of the church

**Parish Choir – New Member Welcome:** Our senior choir have resumed singing at the 11.30am mass on the first and third Sundays of the month and on other Special occasions. They would welcome new members and if you are interested you can approach any member of the choir or phone Josephine Browne on 086 3960664. Rehearsals are held in the church on Wednesdays from 8.00pm to 09.30pm. People of all singing abilities are welcome.

**Rosary Rally:** Talk, Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Holy Mass at Knock Shrine from 1:30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. If you can organise a bus then please contact Fiona on 086 8760058

**Irish Catholic:** The Irish Catholic newspaper is on sale at the back of the church

**The Popes Intentions – May 2022** – Faith-Filled Young People - We Pray for All Young People, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

## Community Noticeboard

**Castletroy ICA:** Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Monaleen GAA clubhouse.

## An Appeal for Ukraine - From Fr Seamus Enright C.Ss.R:

The Redemptorists in Limerick continue their appeal for Ukraine and are grateful for the generous response. You may donate online at [www.novena.ie](http://www.novena.ie) or to make a credit card donation by phoning 061-315099. Cheques should be made payable to Redemptorists Limerick and sent to Fr Seamus Enright, Mount St Alphonsus, Limerick. People can also donate by calling into the Monastery. Every Euro will go directly to the Redemptorists in Ukraine.

## News from our Diocese

**Godly Play Core Training Course being offered this summer!** The course runs from 6-8 July 2022 (Wednesday to Friday) in Thurles. It takes place over three full days and there is a residential option. We return this year to the beautiful MIC Thurles Campus where the 3 Day Core Training will be offered in partnership with the Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies. Cost includes lunches. Cost: EUR 330 and EUR 430 for the residential option (dinner, bed and breakfast on Thursday and Friday).

Booking is not yet open on the IIPS website, but if you email [godlyplayireland@gmail.com](mailto:godlyplayireland@gmail.com), we will reserve your place and let you know as soon as the link goes up on the IIPS website.

**Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage** runs Wed 1st June until 15th August (Sat 13th Aug is final day to begin the Pilgrimage). Admission €80 | Booking advised | Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. All booking info, including organised parish groups available at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org), email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 N289

## Recently Deceased



*Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Seamus O'Shea of our parish whose funeral was celebrated on Friday (27th May) and for the consolation of his family.*

*Please pray for all our deceased, especially those recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time*

***Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them***

## The Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if you were already there,  
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.  
*(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)*

At Your feet, O my Jesus,  
I prostrate myself and I offer You  
repentance of my contrite heart,  
which is humbled in its nothingness  
and in Your holy presence.  
I adore You in the Sacrament of Your love,  
the ineffable Eucharist.  
I desire to receive You  
into the poor dwelling that my heart offers You.  
While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion,  
I wish to possess You in spirit.  
Come to me, O my Jesus,  
since I, for my part, am coming to You!  
May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death.  
I believe in You,  
I hope in You,  
I love You. Amen.  
*(Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val)*

## 24 May - Day of Prayer for the Church in China – Our Lady of Sheshan



Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians", the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China,  
who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love.  
May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world,  
and of the world to Jesus.

In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high,  
offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love.  
Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love,  
ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built.  
Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen!

The national shrine of Our Lady Help of Christian at Sheshan, 40km south of Shanghai, was founded in 1871 in thanksgiving for saving Shanghai from an anti-Christian massacre. The present basilica was built in 1925–1931.